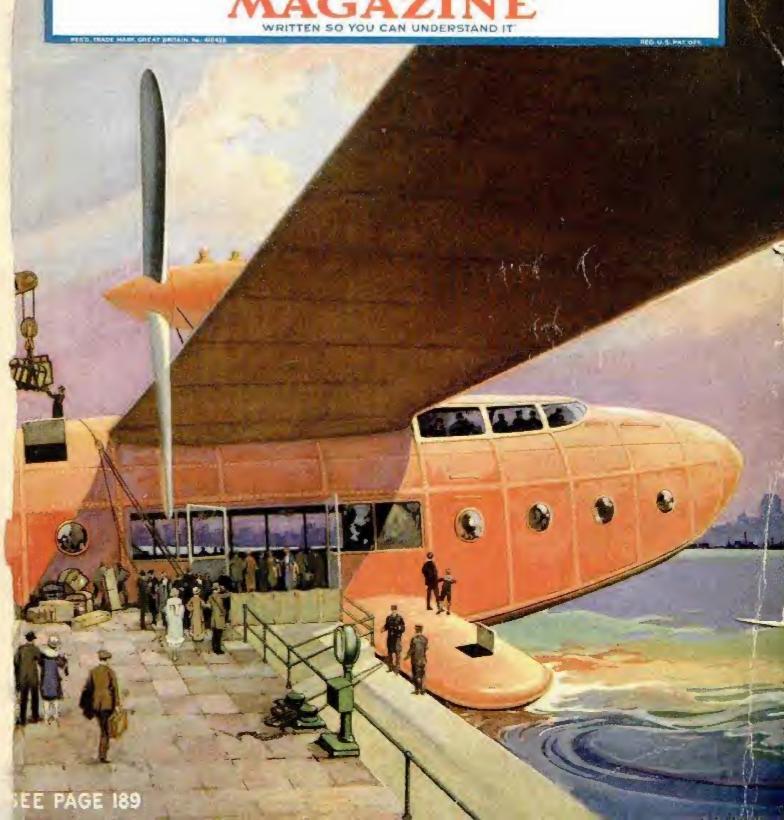
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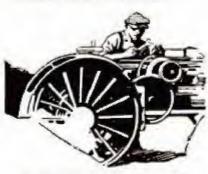
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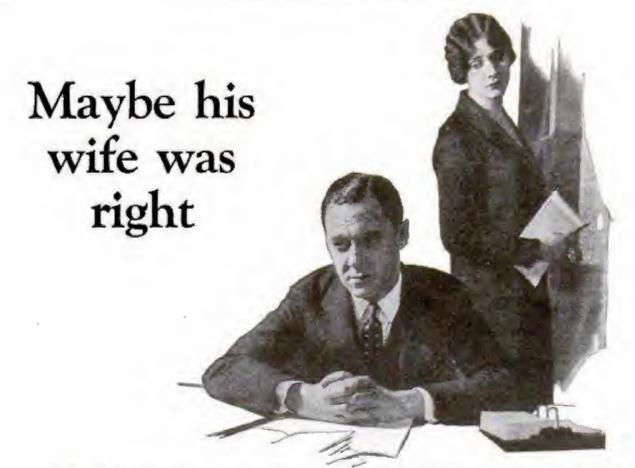


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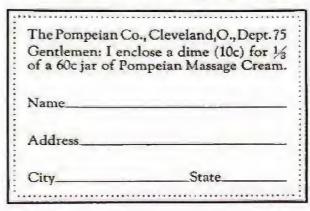
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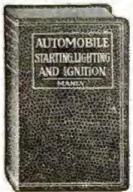
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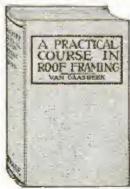


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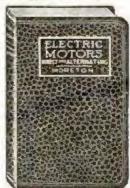
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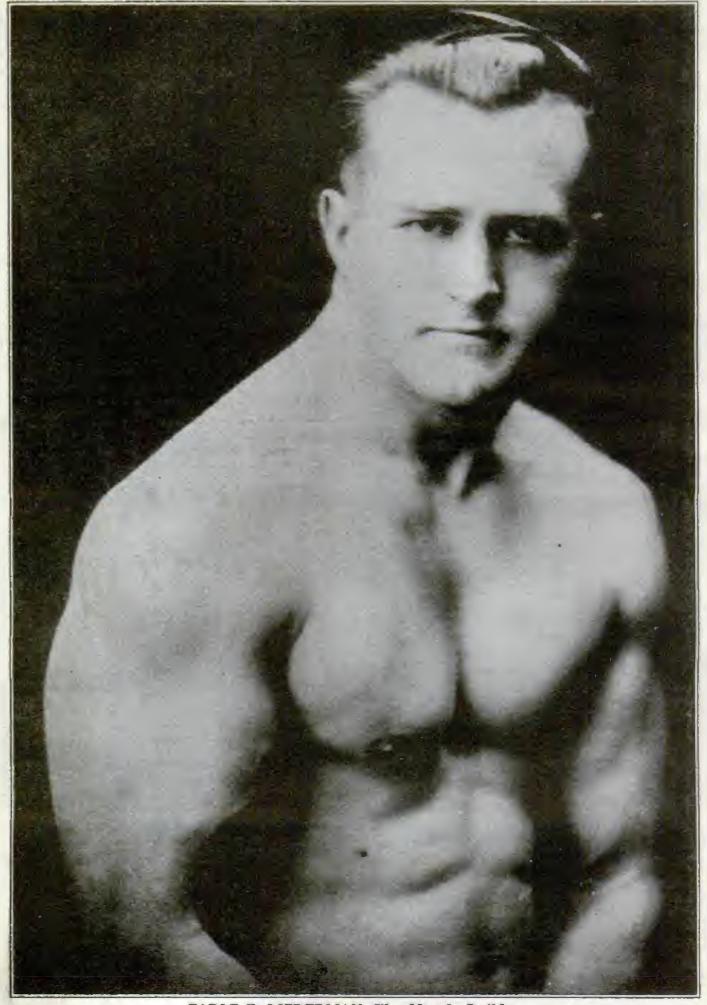


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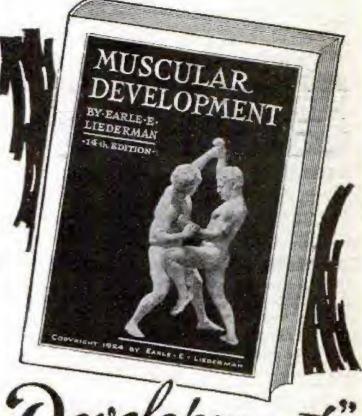
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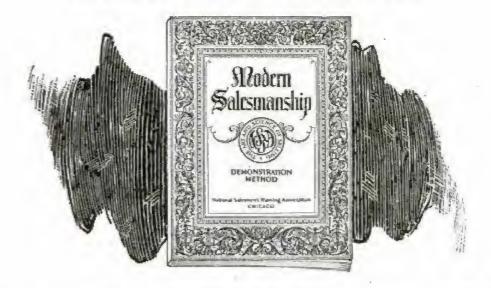
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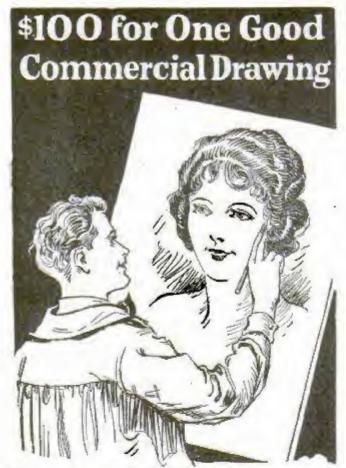
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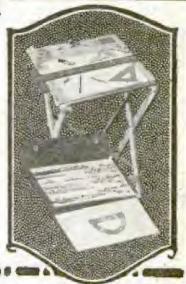
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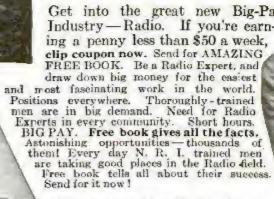
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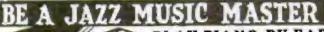
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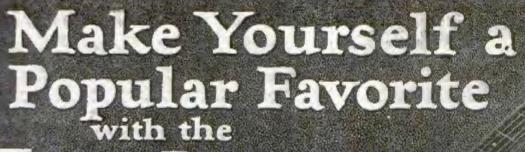


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Sixty days ago it made me boiling mad. Today I look back and laugh at the incident for it brought me a marvelous new growth of hair. THEN my wife began to look sorrowfully at my thinning hair I smiled regretfully. When my friends began to call me "baldy" I felt annoyed. But when my secretary began to look at my glistening scalp and snicker-well it made me mad! But the worst was yet to come. About sixty days ago I saw a tooth paste advertisement that offered to send a free booklet. I clipped the coupon and gave it to my secretary to fill in and mail. Well, a few days later, to my utter surprise I found on my desk-not a booklet on toothpaste—but a booklet telling how to grow hair in 30 days! I glanced from the booklet to my

secretary. I felt my blood boiling.
"Miss Harris," I said to her, "I can't say that I appreciate your sense of humor. Just what is your idea?" She paled. "Why, Mr. Burns-

what's wrong?" "Wrong?" I shouted, "what's the

idea of sending me this hint about my hair?"

Tears came into her eyes. And between sobs she

explained why it wasn't her fault.

She said the coupon I asked her to mail had another coupon printed on the back-and the other coupon offered to send a free book about baldness. Well, she simply used her own judgment!

"Hm," was all I could say. That night on my way home I read the book about baldness. It described an entirely new method of making hair grow—perfected by Aleis Merke, founder of the Merke Institute, Fifth Avenue, New York. It is the only treatment I ever heard of that reached right down to the hair roots and awakened

As I read on I felt myself weakening in my resolve not to try another hair treatment. And then when I read that Merke actually guaranteed a new growth of hair in 30 days or no cost-well, I sent for the treatment.

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(Original of above letters on file at the Institute,)

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Here's the Secret According to Alois Merke, in most baldness the hair roots are not dead, but merely dormant. Now to make a sickly tree grow you would not rub "growing fluid" on the leaves. Yet that is what I had been doing, when I used to douse my head with ordinary tonics, salves, etc. To make a tree grow you must nourish the roots. That's exactly what the Merke treatment does.

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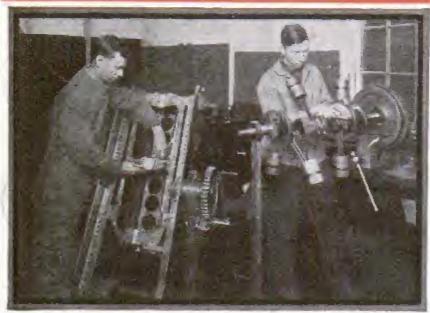
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Thomas (Pa.) became foreman of Dodge garage at \$200 a month, three months after graduating.

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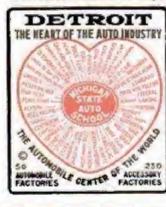
It just takes common sense, to learn by the practical methods we teach you. Mathews (Detroit) was a professional musician, getting nowhere. Now earning \$50 to \$60 a week and advancing fast.

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#### Factories Endorse These Courses

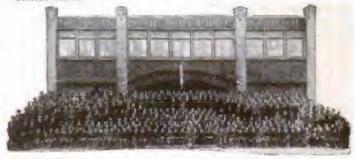
Auto factories endorse "Michigan State" training methods. Because they are thorough, practical. Because they put knowledge in your head and skill in your hands. Because they really fit you to make good. Greve (Calif.) paid for a home his first year in business for himself.

#### Help to Get Jobs

"Michigan State" trained men are wanted, in Detroit, in your home town, in garages throughout the country. We place many of our graduates directly. This Employment Service is absolutely free. Kelly (Ohio) writes: "I get \$1.00 per hour now for truck repair work."

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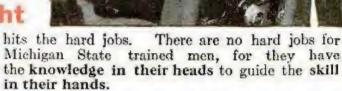
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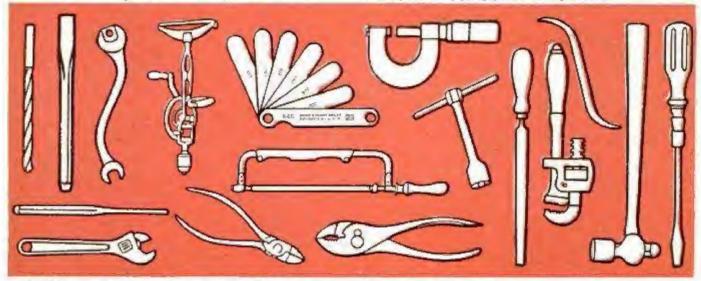
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Hatfield (Ohio) writes: "The week before Christmas I cleared \$86.75 profit in my garage, but it was a poor week."



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Through our close cooperation with the auto factories in Detroit, we secure one of the leading service managers to train our students in the business end of running a garage. This training is worth \$100 above. But it costs you nothing extra. It is just another one of the big advantages of Michigan State training. All students get this free Business Course. Jamison (Pa.) writes: "I have six men in my shop and work day and night. Five other garages in town are not busy. Training does it."

### A Business for Go-Getters

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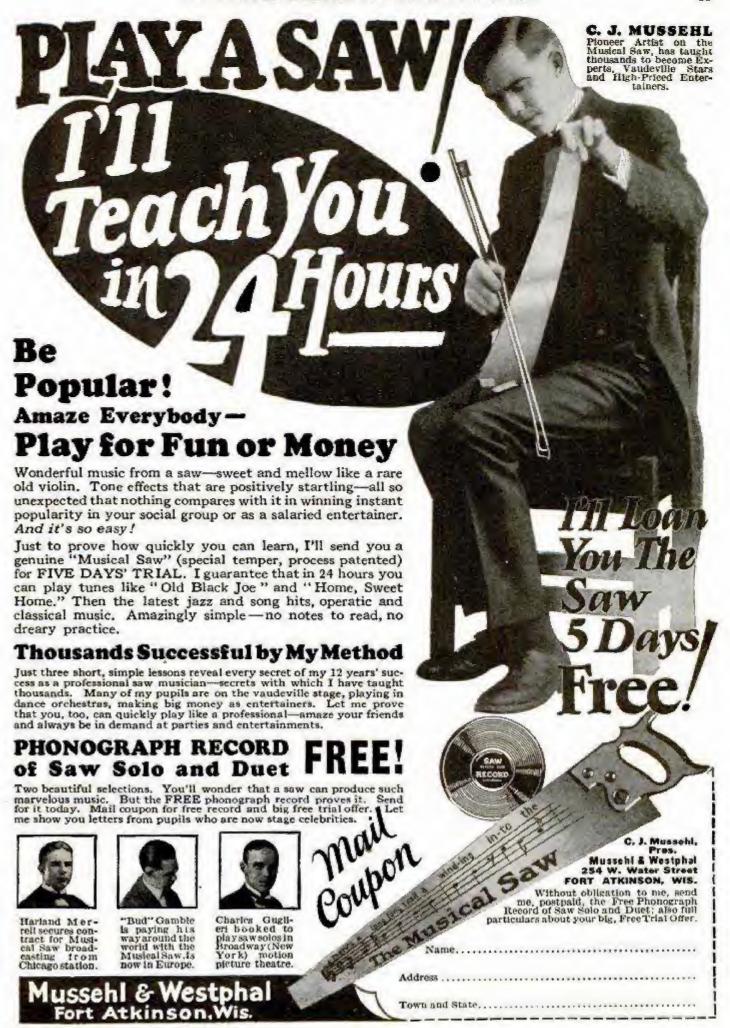
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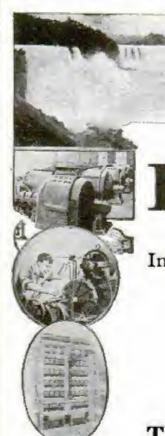
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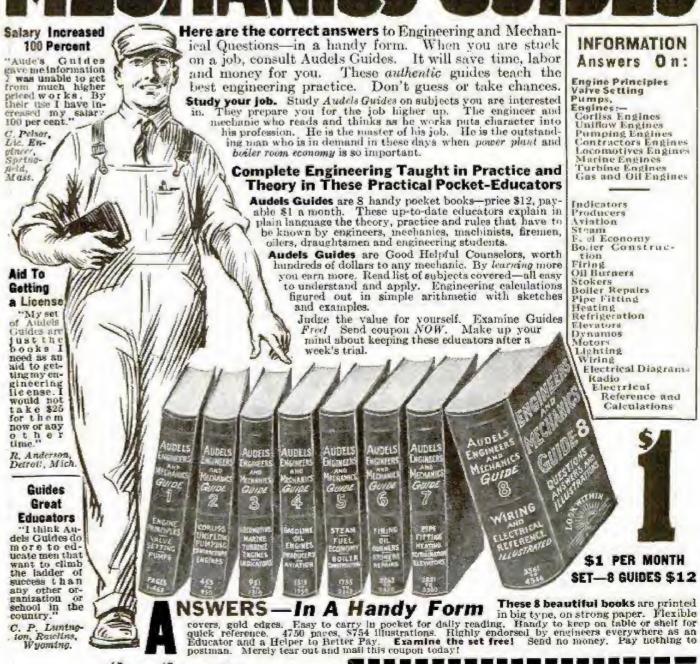
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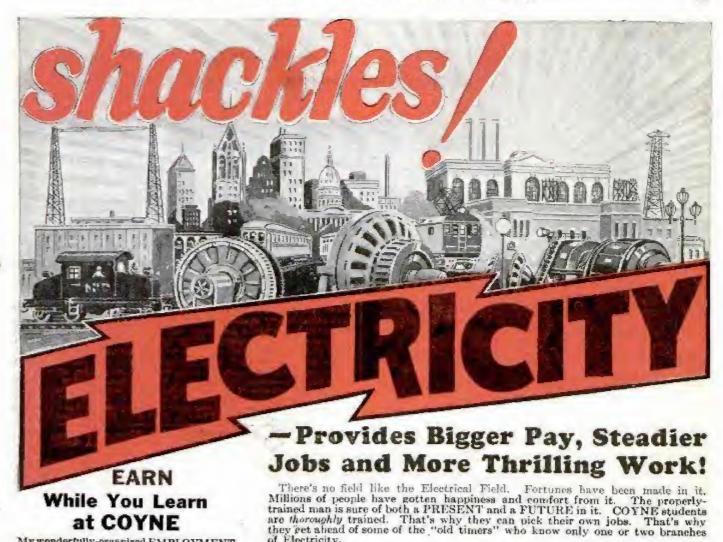


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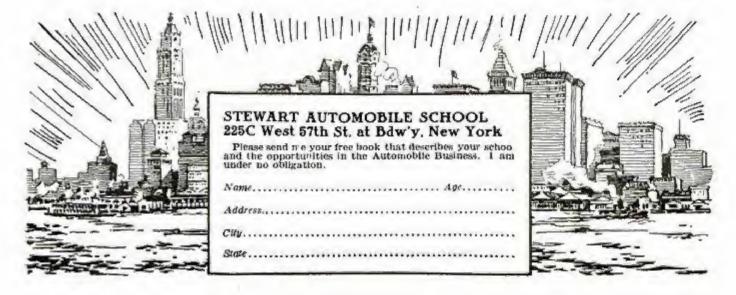
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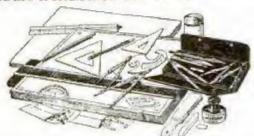
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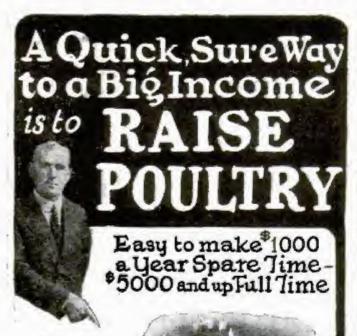
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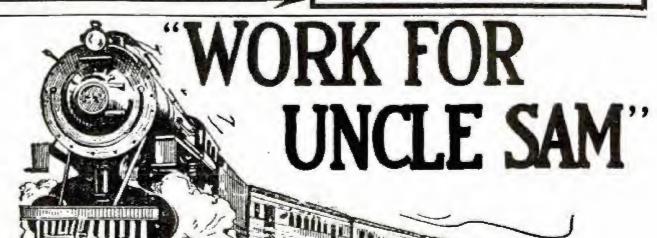
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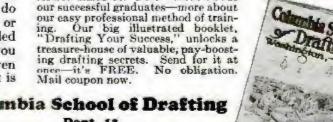
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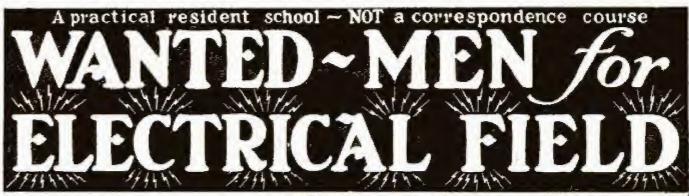
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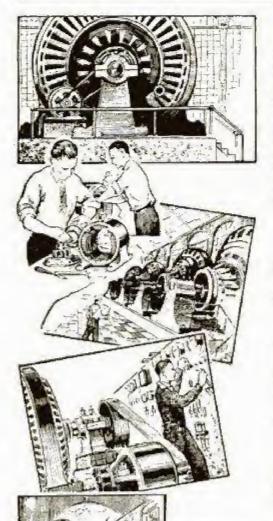
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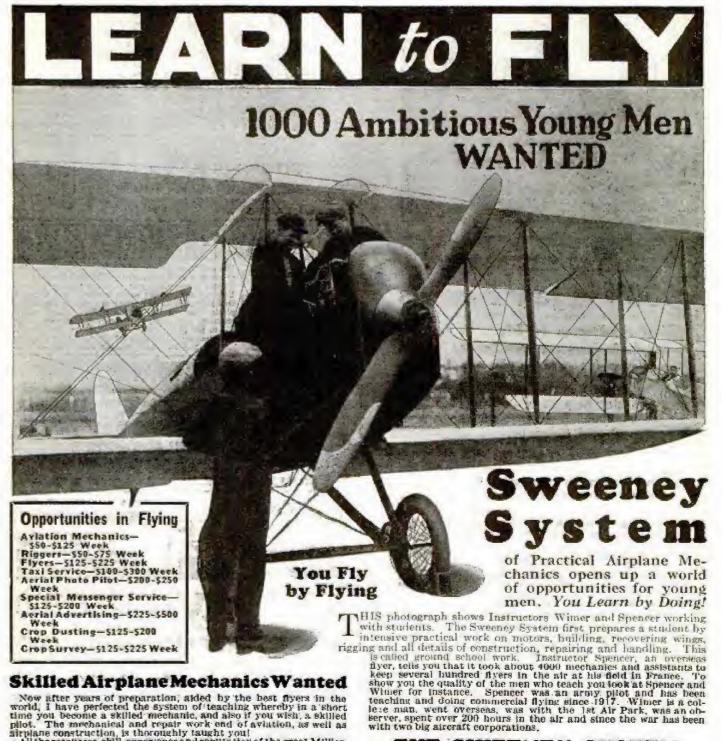
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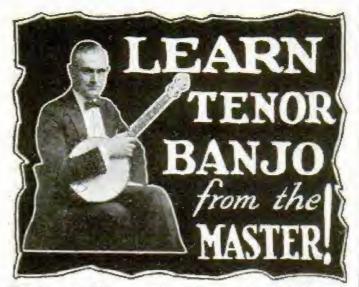
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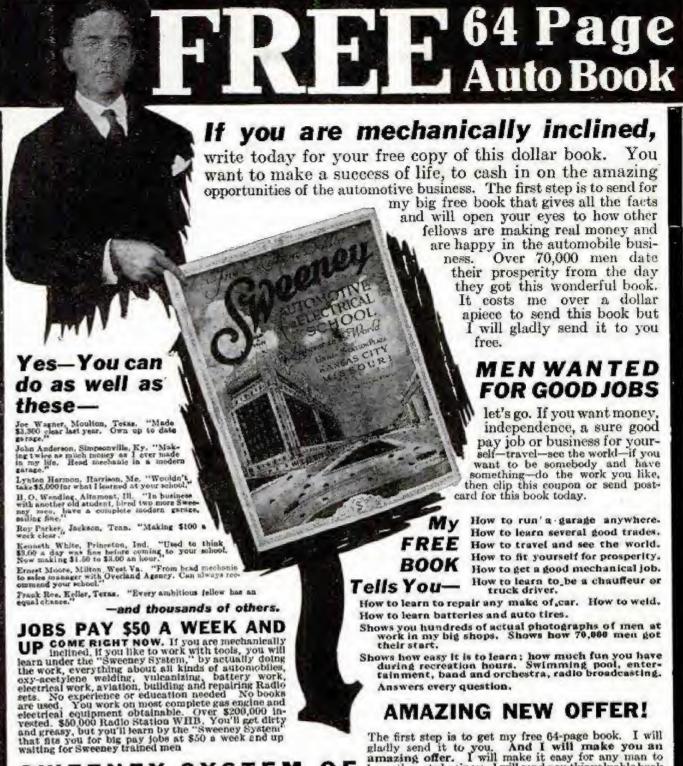
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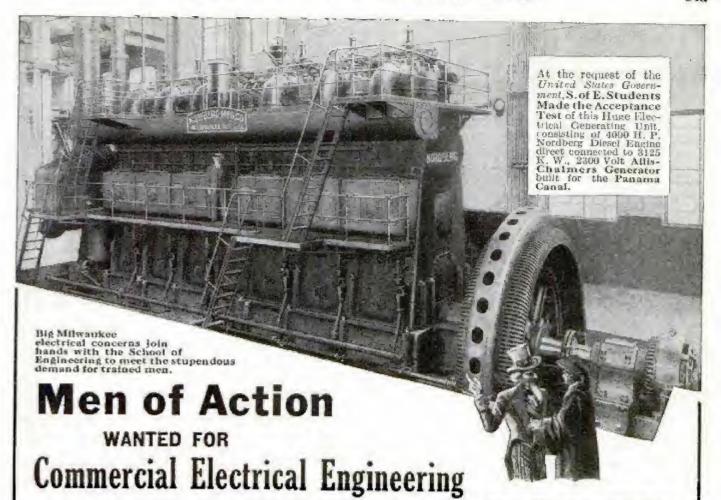
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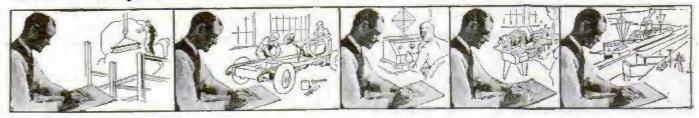
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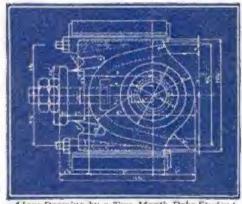
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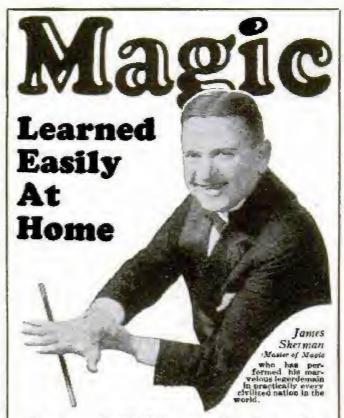


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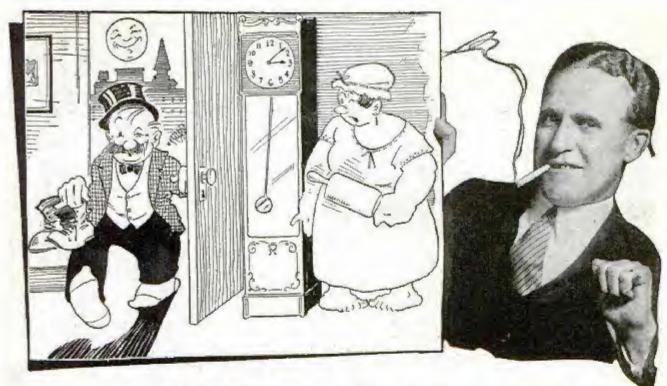
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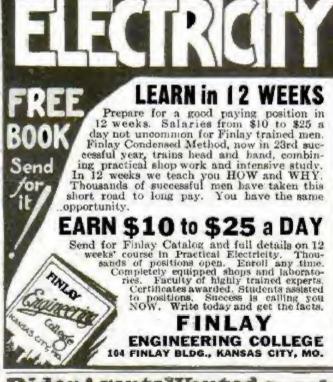
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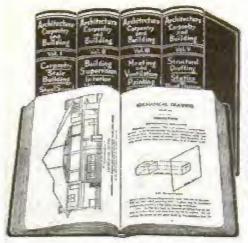
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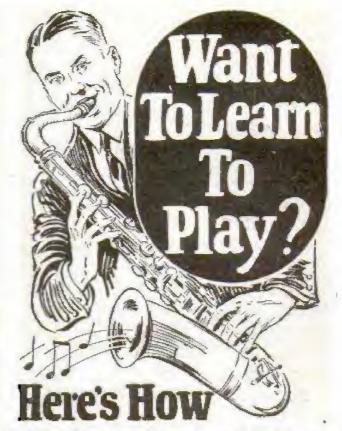
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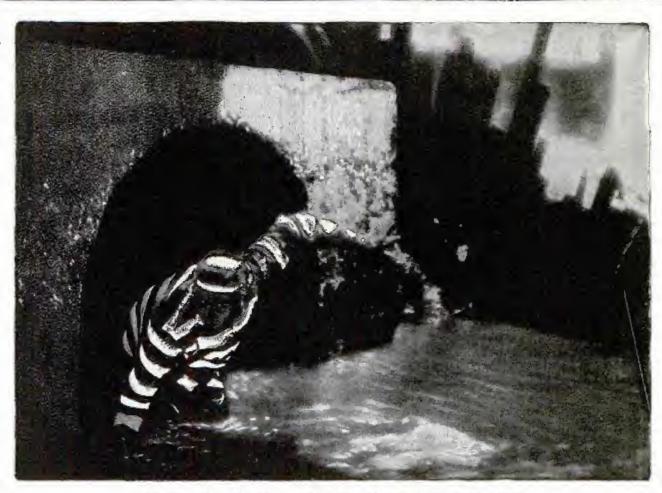
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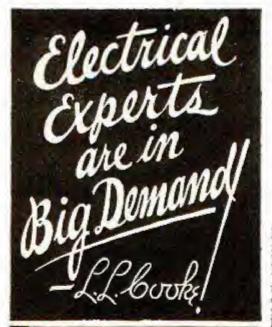
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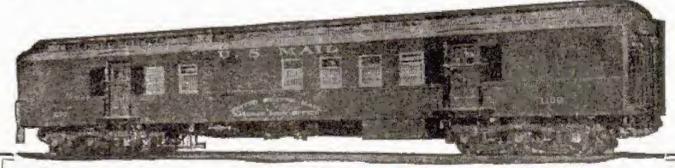
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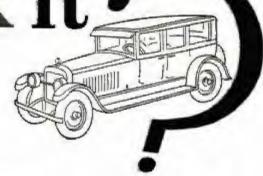
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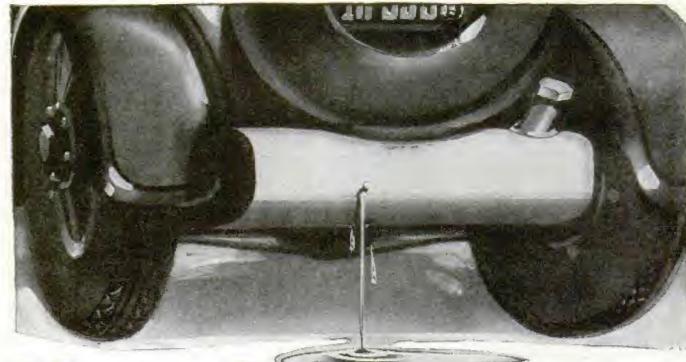
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#### 57 Miles on a Gallon

With this wonderful new invention auto drivers in all parts of the country have chalked up records of from 37 to 57 miles on a gallon of gasoline. Every day we hear of some new record—some difficult feat such as pulling a car through deep sand, or up a mountain, on half the usual gas.

Here's how this amazing new invention works. Your carburetor is adjusted to make starting easy - it gives a

rich mixture to start a cold engine. But once your engine gets heated up, the mix-ture, is far too rich, resulting in faulty explosion. Half the gasoline is drawn into the cylinders in a raw state and, instead of exploding, it burns. This causes a heavy deposit of carbon-

But with this startling little device in your car all this is changed. As soon as the engine warms up, this device automatically begins to admit a much larger volume of air, thoroughly vaporizing all the gasoline, giving it fully 50% more power — breaking it up so that it explodes instead of burning!

#### A Carbon Remover

Not only does this invention save you half your gasoline, but it also removes carbon, saving you the expense and time of having your carbon scraped outa job costing from \$5 to \$25.

The Stransky Vaporizer is absolutely automatic

and self-regulating. It has no springs, shutters, diaphragms or delicate parts to get out of order. It requires to adjustment — you can attach it in three minutes. And it will lengthen the life of any car.

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J. A. STRANSKY, Inventor, at address below.

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# As the Salesman

would you accept defeat The prospect's emphatic tone and curt manner are unmistakable "Im NOT Interested!" As the salesman facing this situation. what would you do? Accept defeat? Or?

> OUPPOSE a man you called on greeted you in this fashion. Would you know how to remain completely the master of the situation? Would you still feel reasonably sure of an opportunity to tell your story?

It is no disgrace to answer "No" to these questions—to admit that this and similar problems have blocked your progress.

But, it is an injustice to yourself, a rank injustice, to continue indefinitely on the same path, when the means are at your command to handle such situations easily and surely-to use deliberately the successful methods which others use only once in a while, by chance or accident.

For — mark this well — there is a fundamental rule of action that teaches exactly what to do to win the confidence of the man who has just said, "I'm not interested,"

Why "trust to luck" when-

Back of every successful action in business there are guiding principles, unchangeable laws.

Naturally you ask, "If this is true, how can I quickly acquire these principles?" The answer is, simply thru training that deals in basic principles—training that brings within your grasp not merely cold facts, not merely a fund of information, but the live, vital forces that mark the difference between success and mediocrity.

The LaSalle Problem Method of training for salesmen (and for men in every other branch of modern business) deals in such essentials, and only in essentials. Intensely practical, it combines the best that has been learned by thousands of salr men in the "school of experience."

#### How Are Big Incomes Earned?

Isn't it true that the difference between, say, the \$50-a-week salesman and the \$200-a-week man lies chiefly in greater ability to meet just such situations as we pictured at the top of this page? Think that over a moment. Then consider that many of the men who take LaSalle training are successful before they enroll. Yet within a few months after starting they report their earning capacity doubled, tripled and often quadrupled, while those without previous sales experience become pace-setters for the "old timers."

The secret, if it may be called a secret, is the fact that they learn to recognize the causes underlying success instead of blindly following the methods by which others have achieved success.

Learn the principle and method that turns "I'm NOT interested!" into a receptive attitude.

Ask yourself this simple question: "Have I the necessary knowledge of the science and strategy of selling to make of myself the fullest success of which I am capable?

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# They Called Me a Human Clam But I Changed Almost Overnight

A S I passed the President's office I could not help hearing my name. Instinctively I paused to listen. "That human clam," he was saying, "can't represent us. He's a hard worker, but he seems to have no ability to express himself. I've given up hopes of making anything out of him." So that was it! That was the reason why I had

So that was it! That was the reason why I had been passed over time and again when promotions were being made! That was why I was just a plodder—a truck horse. I was a failure unless I could do what seemed impossible—learn to use words forcefully, effectively and convincingly.

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#### What 15 Minutes a Day Will Show You

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How to write better letters.

How to enlarge your vocabulary. How to develop self-

confidence.

How to acquire a winning personality.

How to strengthen your will-power.

How to be the master of any situation. how to dominate one man or an audience of thousands. Soon I had won salary increases, promotion, popularity, power. Today I always have a ready flow of speech at my command. And I accomplished all this by simply spending 15 minutes a day in the privacy of my own home on this most fascinating subject.

There is no magic, no trick, no mystery about becoming a powerful and convincing talker. You, too, can conquer timidity, stage fright, self-consciousness and bash-

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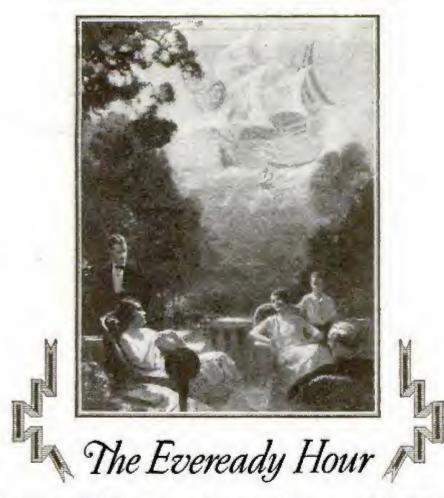
This new method of training is fully described in a very interesting and informative booklet which is now being sent to everyone mailing the coupon below. This book is called, How to Work Worders With Words. In it you are shown how to conquer stage fright, self-consciousness, timidity, bashfulness and fear. Not only men who have made millions but thousands have sent for this book—and are unstituting in their praise of it. You are told how to bring out and develop your priceless "hidden knack"—the natural gift within you—which will win for you advencement in position and salary, popularity, social standing, power and real success. You can obtain your copy absolutely free by sending the coupon.

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Inaugurated two years ago, the Eveready Hour was an adventure in broadcasting—an hour of connected entertainment, uninterrupted by the frequent injection of the name of the broadcaster.

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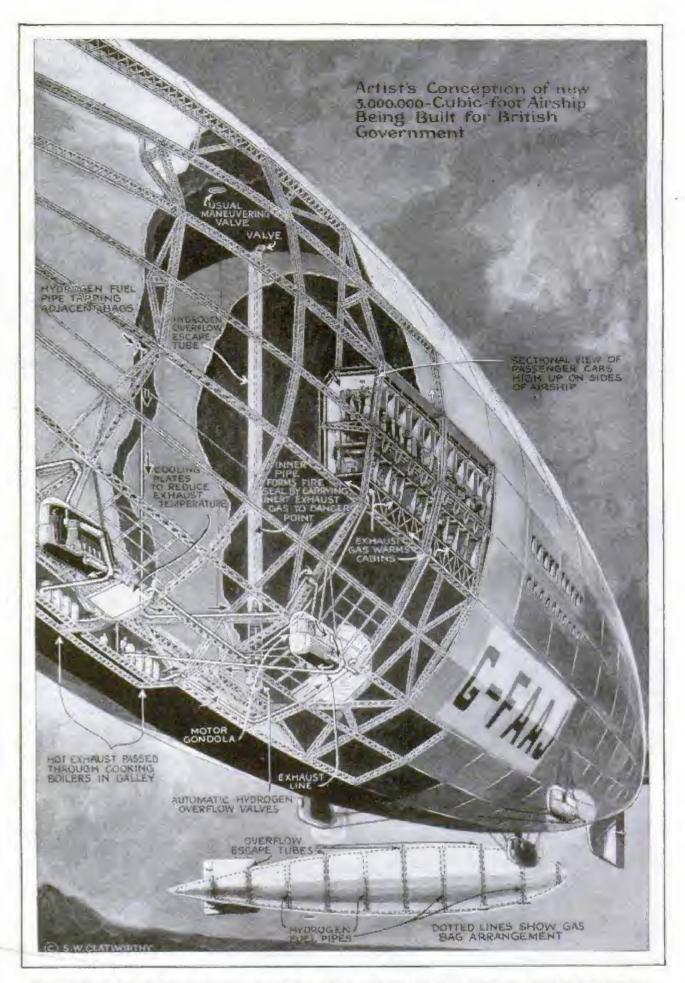
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# Wind Tunnel Solves Skyscraper Problem

#### Government Scientists Revise Building Rules Following Study of Effect of Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Gale on Models

NEW rules governing the safeguarding of buildings against gales have been prepared by the bureau of standards as a result of wind-tunnel tests in which models were exposed to air streams moving at a velocity as high as seventy-six miles an hour, the equivalent of 100 miles an hour on weather bureau recorders. The tests disclosed that the arbitrary figure of thirty pounds' pressure per square foot, adopted many years ago, and to resist which all big buildings have since been built, was almost one-third greater than the actual pressure encountered in a seventy-six-mile gale.

The old figure was based on intricate calculations, but in recent years scientists had determined that the methods used involved several errors. The actual wind-tunnel tests showed that twenty-two pounds' pressure to the square foot was encountered in seventy-six-mile-an-hour winds, and that the thirty-pound pressure was not reached until the gale attained a speed of eighty-eight and one-half miles an hour, equal to 118 miles an hour as the weather bureau reckons velocity. Such extreme wind velocities are rarely

encountered, only a few momentary gusts recorded in New York and St. Paul. Minn., ever having attained such speeds.

The safety factor in building not only has an important bearing on the planning of tall buildings, but affects the design of bridges, wireless masts, tall factory chimneys and other engineering structures.

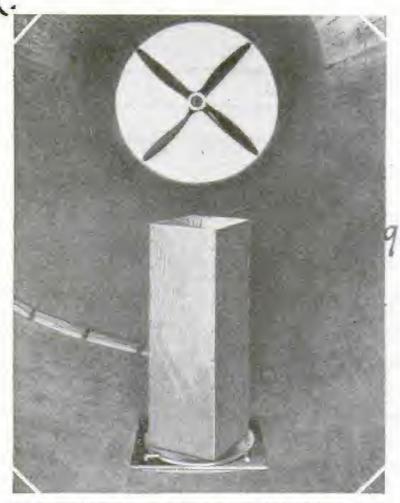
The character of the exposure of the building has an important bearing on the safety measures necessary, the government tests showed. A tall, slim building in the heart of a city, surrounded by other tall buildings, would not be in so much danger as a much smaller building on an exposed sea coast or lake shore. It is impractical, the investigators decided, to design a building to offer minimum wind resistance, since such construction not only would be costly, but quite fantastic. If one exposed face of the building was shaped to offer minimum resistance, the problem still would remain on the other sides.

Square, low buildings offered the minimum resistance, since the currents were deflected equally around the sides, and could rise and flow over the top. Condi-



Huge Wind Tunnel of the Bureau of Standards at Washington, Used to Test Building Models and Determine Exact Figures on Gale Pressures Their Walls Must Stand

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Rectangular Boxes Represent Building Forms, While Sets of Rubber Tubes Carry Inside Pressure to Recording Gauges

tions are reversed in a tall and narrow building. The air currents cannot rise easily to flow over the top, but instead are deflected upward and exert a lifting tendency which would carry off an insecurely anchored roof, the reason why so many buildings are unroofed in gales.

The rear face of the building is subjected to a terrific outward pull as the air flowing past draws into its high-velocity stream the still air behind the structure, leaving a partial vacuum there. In cyclonic disturbances, buildings frequently appear to explode, as the rear wall bursts outward from the air pressure within and the semivacuum without.

The models used in the wind-tunnel tests were simple boxes of various shapes, corresponding in proportions to certain types of buildings. Each wall was drilled with seventy small holes, and forty-nine more were bored through the top. Rubber tubes catching the air forced through these holes

on each of the five exposed faces led to recording instruments outside and gave an accurate measure of the air pressure on sides and roof. The models were mounted on revolving bases, so that they could be turned gradually to give thirteen different exposures, simulating the results of a shifting wind.

#### ENGLAND CURBS RAGMEN TO SAFEGUARD HEALTH-

2To prevent the spread of displant ease, health authorities in England have forbidden ragmen to give children candy and toys in exchange for old clothing. The measure is a blow to thousands of youngsters who took keen delight in the chocolates, balloons and other trinkets they were given for rags and may affect big business, for large organizations profited from the materials collected by the ragmen.

# SIGNATURES IN SILVER

than 200 famous persons he has met, a Russian actor carries their autographs inscribed in silver on a walking stick. The signatures were copied in metal script from actual autographs and inlaid in the cane. The cost of the engraving is said to be more than \$1,000 and the cane is valued at \$5,000.



BIRDS'EYESBALKED BY BRIGHT COLORS

That the feathers of male birds serve as a protection from enemies rather than as a lure for mates, is the theory of Dr. Austin H. Clark of the national museum. Brilliant colors, he asserts, hide the wearers from other birds for the reason that the eye structure, radically different from that of human beings or other mammals, presents the landscape as a clear-cut patchwork of all colors and sizes. Therefore, objects which are most conspicuous to the human observer, would be difficult for a bird to see. In the bird's eye, Dr. Clark says, the lens is of a shorter focus so that the image projected by it, lies almost wholly in

one plane. There is no blurred background in the vision of the bird, tending to make dull-colored objects less noticeable, as is the case in the mammal's sight. For that reason, birds of gaudy plumage are comparatively safe from detection by feathered enemies when they are on the tree tops or among the branches, while the dull-colored female bird, staying close to her nest, where her plumage blends with the surroundings, is hidden from the gaze, of prowling mammal enemies

LIGHTLESS AUTO STOP SIGNAL OPERATES BY REFLECTION

Operated by the brake rod or lever, an & auto stop signal now on the market, is at-

Stached near the Purch \$ 1-5 tail light so that reflection from it, or from the head lamps of cars to the rear, makes (it plainly visible. shows as soon as the brakes are applied and when they are released,

the word "Stop" The sign requires no bulbs, disappears. glass or switches and is not likely to get out, of order.



Waving the Hand in Front of the Cylinder Casts a Shadow Which Is Made to Close a Circuit and Start the Washer

WASHER STARTED BY SHADOW CAST FROM HAND 888

Science has gone a step ahead of the day when mechanical servants can be put to work simply by pressing buttons for it is now possible to do it by merely waying the hand. This is accomplished in the apparatus a Russian inventor has devised, combining the principles of the photoelectric cell and the radio vacuum tube, for starting an electric washing machine. A wave of the hand casts a shadow in such a way that the sensitive light cell stimulates a shower of electrons from the tube, and closes a circuit which starts the motor running. Success of this experiment suggests that the same arrangement might be adapted to closing doors, starting furnace fires and other tasks.

#### X-RAY STAIN SOUGHT TO BARE BODY'S HIDDEN DISEASES

To make the internal organs of the body opaque so that they can be photographed by X-rays, scientists are seeking a special kind of stain. It has already been discovered that injection of a special oil will make the lung cavities susceptible to registering on X-ray exposures and this, it is believed, will be of great aid in diagnosing tuberculosis. Tulling

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WIRELESS SET IS WATERPROOF FOR USE IN LIFEBOAT

Designed especially for emergency use in lifeboats, a small radio transmitter has all parts carefully inclosed so that they



Waterproof Wireless Transmitter for Lifeboats, and How Operator Employs Protecting Sleeve

cannot be damaged by water. The operator is provided with a sleeve which is attached to the set, and through which he inserts his arm for adjusting the sending apparatus.

# BUILDING MATERIAL OF WASTE TO RESIST EARTHQUAKES

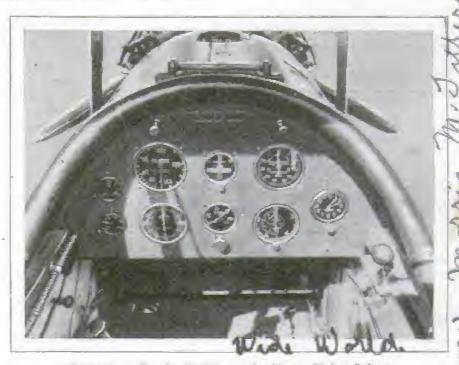
Synthetic lumber made of mill waste, or from growths which have been con-

sidered pests, promises conservation of the timber supply and is said to possess many of the qualities of brick and concrete besides having strength and elasticity which suit it to use in countries subject to. earthquakes. The prickly pear, which abounds in Australia, rice husks in Japan, bean straw in Mexico and, recently, gorse and blackberry bushes that overrun parts of New Zealand are some of the materials that have been used for the manufacture of artificial lumber. The New Zealand product is said to be proof against insects, dust\_and damp, as

cheap as wood and to last as long as concrete. Formed into a plaster, it protects timbers through the chemicals that it contains, is fireproof, as tests with torches have proved, and although holes can be made in it with hammers, it does not split or crack. For finer uses, it can be made to resemble marble, stone, tile or leather, and since it resists both cold and heat, it is suitable for refrigerator lining and other insulation. Damage to the material can be repaired by adding new plaster.

#### NEW INSTRUMENTS IN AIRPLANE INCREASE FLYING SAFETY

Practically every quiver of an airplane in flight is registered on an improved instrument board intended to make aviation safer. There are two rows of dials each of which is in plain view of the pilot and tells an important story. At the top, from left to right, are the oil-pressure gauge, airspeed indicator, a bank-and-turn indicator, a particular aid in fogs by which the flyer can determine whether he is going straight or turning, and a rate-of-climb indicator which shows how fast he is ascending. The lower row comprises the radiator thermometer, a gauge that tells the speed of the engine, fuel-level gauge, altimeter which gives the altitude of the plane, an electric clock, and a control, Together with direction charts and maps, this equipment leaves the pilot with very little to worry about when everything is running smoothly, and gives him an instant warning of the location of trouble.



Instrument Board with Improved Aids for Flying Safety

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AND HELPS CURE DISEASE

Prepared from a substance contained in small glands in the neck, a serum that already has proved beneficial in treating

tetany, a child's disease, helps mend broken bones, according to reports from Lapan. This is accomplished by the serum's effect in producing in the blood an increase of calcium phosphate, the substance of which bone is largely Rats with composed. broken legs were found to produce nearly twice as much new bone when fed with the serum as when not. It may be injected into the system or taken through the Tmouth. Results of experiments with the serum on human beings are awaited with interest, as it is believed that it may not only hasten the healing of fractures in young persons but render such action less difficult in old The discovery of the Japanese scientist

was made in continuing investigations begun by a Canadian physiologist.

IS COOLED BY AIR 759

By using thin metal around the heary part of the porcelain, a spark plug has

been devised that is said to assure equal expansion and contraction, reducing breakage. It is cleaned simply by loosening the top half of the plug by one full turn. This permits gasoline and air to be ejected through openings in the plug while the motor is running, blowing out accumulations of oil. adapted to priming



The plug is also

# BRAIN WORKINGS OF CHILDREN STUDIED WITH CAMERA

Why can some children multiply three times eight with less difficulty than four times seven? Why do others, bright in



Using the Camera to Make Studying Easier; One of the Child Subjects Tested at the University of Chicago

arithmetic, find reading extremely difficult? Answers to these and many other questions concerning the school child's mentality are being sought by numerous tests with delicate instruments in laboratories of the school of education at the University of Chicago, with pupils as the subjects. In the reading tests, use of a special camera enables the teacher to do much to help pupils who hesitate and stammer. The instrument is a large one, and its lens is trained on the eyes of the pupil who is seated in a chair. From a point at the side, a pencil of light is trained an the eyeball and as the eyes move from side to side horizontally while reading, the camera records the position of the ray of light and plots a curve on a motionpicture film. Each child who sits in the chair leaves an impression of the movements of his eyes as he reads, thus exposing what words or groups of words are the "stickers." By revealing difficulty in following from the end of one line of type to the beginning of the next, and other obstacles in reading, the apparatus helps teachers correct the pupils and some are made into good readers in a few months.

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#### SIDECAR WITH HINGED FRONT SIMPLIFIES ENTERING

Getting in or out of a motorcycle sidecar taxi now in use in Berlin has been sim-

Motorcycle Sidecar Taxi Closed and Opened, Showing How Entire Front Swings Back for Easy Entering and Leaving

plified by having the entire front of the passenger compartment built as a door. It swings out on hinges, eliminating the trouble of climbing over the side or through a narrow opening. The meter is attached to this front, and, besides being protected by a windshield, the passenger may raise a folding top at the back of the cab in stormy weather.

# TESTS FOR JEWEL FORGERIES TO GUARD BUYERS 800

Jewel forgers have become so clever that a special gem-testing institute has been established in Vienna, and similar studies are being carried on in this country, to detect imitations. Since glass ornaments were made in the early ages in Egypt and Phoenicia to look like real jewels, efforts to produce substitutes have

been persistent. Imitation diamonds are numerous and it is possible to make real ones in the laboratory, but the cost of the process is about \$200,000 a carat, while natural ones can be purchased at from

\$100 to \$300 a carat. Rubies can be made by laboratory methods in about six hours, and some of them are so nearly like the real stones that other tests than with the eyes are necessary to distinguish them. While the synthetic emerald has brilliance and realistic color, it usually can be told from a genuine one with little difficulty. They are often built up in three parts, which are fastened by invisible cement. The top and bottom part may be glass crystals cut in many facets with a thin shaving of a real emerald between them to give the color. Others may have a slight cavity between the two crystals which is filled with a green liquid. Both imitations are easily detected by submerging the stone in a certain kind of oil and holding it up to the light. All synthetic stones are said to have telltale marks which can be found by special tests and with the use of special instruments, the development of which is of interest not only to dealers and buyers but also to insurance companies.

#### SPECIAL FOUNTAIN PEN FOR LETTERING 875

With but little practice, neat lettering in various styles is said

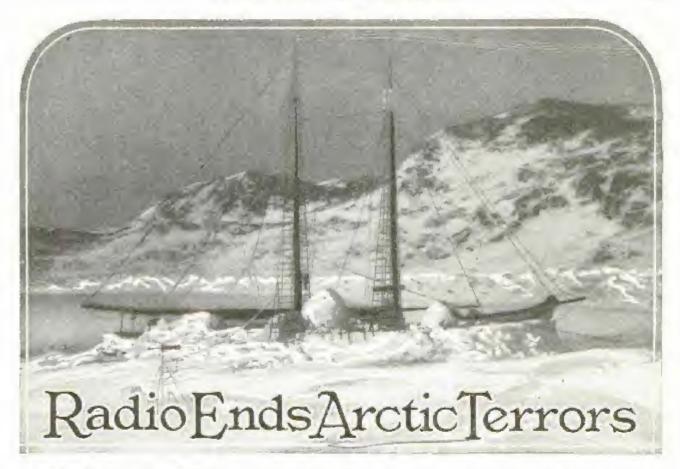
to be accomplished with a special fountain pen which insures an even flow of

ink and neater, more uniform re-The point operates on a rotary principle and is so arranged that the ink starts flowing the instant the user begins to write and stops at the end of the For slow stroke. work, the holder is but partly filled, and for fast lettering, a greater supply is needed, as

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gravity partly controls the operation of the instrument

E. E. Evans



RADIO has ended the terror of the long Arctic night, and the airplane has supplanted the dog sled and conquered vast unexplored distances, but with their advent much of the romance of the Far North has disappeared. That is the verdict of Commander Donald Mac-Millan and Lieut. Commander E. F. Mc-Donald, who commanded the "Bowdoin" and "Peary," ships of the MacMillan expedition, last summer.

There was a time, McDonald explains,

when Arctic explorers went into the north and were forgotten until they appeared again, and then the world hung breathless on their stories of adventure. while they were equally breathless as they listened to all the news of the outside world during their absence. Now the radio keeps the expedition informed from

hour to hour of all that is happening outside, and likewise tells the world of the accomplishments in the north, with the result that, when the expedition returns, neither side has much to relate.

When MacMillan came back from the north, in 1917, after four years' absence, he learned for the first time that a world war was raging. When he went north in the summer of 1913, the king of England was visiting the kaiser in Berlin, and when he came back in 1917 Europe had been

fighting for three years and America had just entered the war. On their latest trip, the explorers knew of the wreck of the "Shenandoah" two hours after it happened; learned of William Jennings Bryan's death thirty minutes after it occurred; followed the search for the Pacific flyers hour after hour



Eskimo Girls Try Their First "Tailor-Made" Cigarets; Every One in Eskimoland Smokes, the Women Preferring Pipes

for nine days; got the baseball scores each day and tuned in on the play-by-play report of the world series. They held twoway conversations with a wireless operator at Box Hill, Victoria, Australia, and talked with other amateurs scattered all over the globe-all from the warm cabin of a ship only eleven degrees from the pole. And when there was a bit of ex-

ploring to do. MacMillan stepped into the passenger seat of an amphibian plane and was whisked aloft and in three or four hours covered ground that it took him weeks of painful mushing behind a dog sled to get over only two On years ago. one flight he soared over territory where he and Eskimo companions toiled through waist-deep snow for days at a

time, then turned the plane back home and arrived in time to sit down to dinner in his ship. On another aerial journey it took ten minutes to travel from Etah, Greenland, to the point on lonely Cape Sabine where last year he placed a bronze tablet in memory of the Greely expedition members, who died there while waiting for rescue. It took two years to place the tablet because the thirty-mile journey from Etah was impossible year before last.

Only ten minutes by airplane from the Etah settlement, yet in 1884 more than half of Greely's Lady Franklin Bay expedition starved to death there because the men were so weakened they could proceed no further. Lieut. Greely, a cavalry officer, had been sent north with twentyfive men to establish one of a chain of international stations for scientific study in the Far North. Several other governments sent similar expeditions to other localities. Owing to unusual ice conditions, relief ships were unable to reach the men for three years, and in the meantime their supplies gave out. They made their way overland to Cape Sabine, and there, in rude shelters, settled down to wait for help.

By early summer of 1884, only twelve of the original twenty-five were left, the others having starved on a diet consisting mainly of seal-skin boots and thongs, and a soup made from tiny sea bugs, so small that it took 1,500 or more to make a gill. To add to the horror of the wait, one of the privates in the party was caught stealing food. Because of his thefts he was



One of the Airplanes Used by the MacMillan Expedition as It Looked When Lifted to the Deck of the Steamer "Peary"

considerably stronger than any two of his mates, and Greely finally, after repeated warnings, ordered him shot. The execution was carried out on June 6, only a little more than two weeks before the relief ship finally arrived, in the night of June 22, 1884. In his diary Lieutenant, now Maj. Gen. Greely, retired, gives a vivid story of the sufferings which made

Arctic exploration in those days epochal. The only other survivor of the eleven rescued at Cape Sabine is a brigadier general who at that time was a sergeant, and one of the three sergeants appointed by Greely to execute the food pilferer, a man who had enlisted as C. B. Henry, although that was not his true name.

On June 4, 1884, Lieut. Greely entered

in his diary:

"Our condition grows more horrible each day. No man knows when death is coming, and each has long since faced it unmoved. Each man who has died has passed into the preliminary stages of mental, but never violent, wandering, without suspicion that death had marked

Corporal Salor had just died of starvation, the thirteenth victim that winter, and the survivors lacked the strength to bury him. Corporal Ellison, one of the strongest men in the original party, lay in his sleeping bag with both hands and feet frozen off. Greely expected, and had expected for three months, to die any day.

Taking up his journal again, Greely wrote: "Henry stealing again from our shrimps" (the name given by the explor-



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ers, for politeness sake, to the sea bugs used in the soup). Schneider and Bender also suspected. It will be necessary to take some severe action, or the whole party will perish."

On the next day there is this entry:

"Henry acknowledged again to me that he had been stealing, and I had a long conversation with him, in which I told him that, as he had no conscience, he might at least have a little common sense; that it was evident that if any of the party survived, it must be through unity and fair dealing, otherwise everybody would perish. He promised to deal fairly in the inture, and seemed impressed with my caution that he would come to grief if he did not."

Greely, however, doubted the man's sincerity and on the same day issued an order to Sergeants Brainard, Frederick and

Long, directing that:

"Private Henry, having been repeatedly guilty of stealing the provisions of this party, which is now perishing slowly by starvation, has so far been condoned and pardoned. It is, however, imperatively ordered that if this man be detected either eating food of any kind not issued him regularly, or making caches or appropriating any article of provisions, you will at once shoot him and report the matter to me. Any other course would be a fatal leniency, the man being able to overpower any two of our present force."

Not a day later Henry was caught stealing shrimps out of the messpot while the cook's back was turned, and later was seen making a trip to the storehouse. When he returned, he admitted to Greely that he had eaten several seal-skin shoe thongs out of the food supply.

"He was bold in his admissions, and showed neither fear nor contrition," the diary records. "I ordered him shot."

After the execution, a search of Henry's possessions disclosed supplies of food, a pair of seal-skin boots stolen from another member of the party, and Greely's watch, which had disappeared.

The Lady Franklin Bay expedition stands out in American polar-exploration annals as one of the most tragic events of the north, unlikely ever to have an equal, now that radio and airplanes have

crossed the Arctic circle.

With radio to call help and guide the rescuers, there is no longer danger of slow starvation, while an airplane could ferry food to an icebound party, and, even if no landing spot were available, drop the

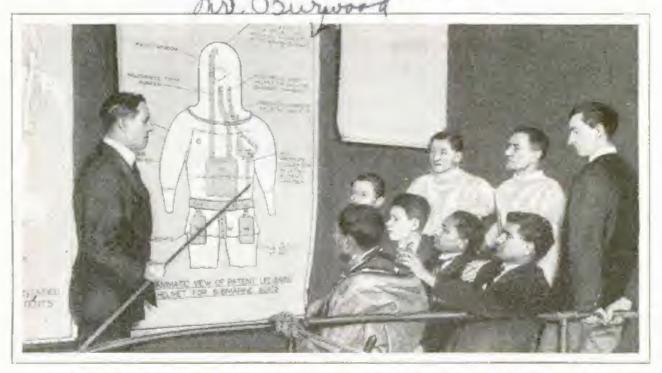
packages.

Modern exploring is efficient and scientific, but the romance and adventure are gone. Even the law of silence has been discarded, since the air brings the world's news every day. In the past, it was customary to enjoin silence on the men of the expedition to keep them from boring each other. One person has just so much to talk about, and after he has told that once, would have nothing to do but repeat it again. If permitted to keep repeating, the talker soon becomes a bore and a cause for quarrels. But with a neatly typed digest of the day's news placed at each plate at breakfast, the radio has made possible sufficient new topics to permit interesting conversation during the Arctic nights.



The Schooner "Bowdoin," MacMillan's Flagship, on Which His Party Wintered in 1923-24 at Etah, While Radio Kept Them Supplied with All the News, and Gave the World Their Story

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Diving-Suit Class at an Engineering School; the Instructor Is Pointing Out Different Parts of the Apparatus and Explaining Their Operation to Divers and Students

#### SCHOOL FOR DEEP-SEA DIVERS TEACHES HOW TO WEAR SUIT

Suits worn by divers have become so intricate that special instruction classes are held to teach candidates for the submarine profession how to wear them and manage the various units of the equipment. The lessons are given with the aid of charts, on which various modern suits are represented in diagrammatic form, giving the location of their important interior and exterior parts.

#### **ELECTRICITY TO RIPEN ORANGES**

When oranges are picked, they are usually fully developed in size and sugar content, but have not yet acquired the rich yellow color of complete maturity. This has been produced by the common method of placing the fruit in a sweating room with kerosene lamps. The warmth and the gases given off when the lights are extinguished, help give the desired shade. Lately, an improved way of obtaining the color has been devised through the use of electricity. Boxes of oranges are put in a closed room, and by an electric heater, the temperature is raised to about eighty degrees Fahrenheit. The heat and the moisture of the oranges eause them

to sweat. For each 10.000 parts of air in the room, one part of ethylene gas is released to assist the coloring process.

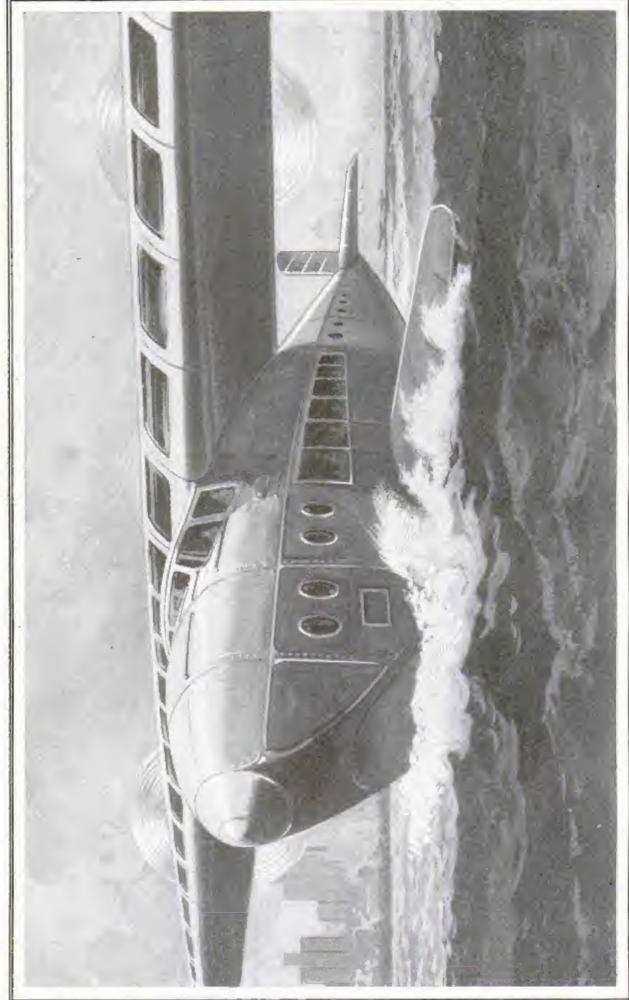
# TAXI BUILT LIKE HANSOM CAB

Besides being suited to congested traffic, a single-passenger taxicab introduced in Paris and built on the lines of the oldfashroned hansom cab, affords the chauffeur a good view of the street from his high seat at the rear, and the occupant of the cab can also enjoy an unobstructed outlook. The steering wheel, gear shifts and brakes are con-



In Motor Dress, the Hansom Cab Comes Back for Further Service; Sample of Compact Outfit Used in Paris

d Central



Sketch of Proposed Transatlantic Airplane, with Passengers' Cabins in the Metal Wings, as Well as in the Beatlike Hull, and Three Motors, One in Front and Two Pushing Behind, to Carry It at an Estimated Speed of 250 Miles an Hour through the Rarefied Air of the Upper Levels, Six Miles above the Earth

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#### CABINS IN AIRPLANE'S WINGS FOR TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT

Estimating that a speed of 200 to 250 miles an hour would be necessary to make transatlantic airplane flights commercially

attractive, Walter G. Brenner, a German inventor, has prepared plans for a giant ship which would utilize the decreased air resistance at very high altitudes to make such speed possible. The enormous resistance encountered at low altitudes at high speed would require engines out of all proportion to the plane to overcome it, he believes, but by ascending to between 26,000 and 33,000 feet, the density of the air would be so reduced that its resistance would be correspondingly lessened. At such heights the passengers, and the motors, too, would have to have air supplied at normal sea-level pressure, so the entire ship as designed is air-tight, the atmosphere being supplied by pumps. His plan calls for a light duraluminum body and wings, designed along the same lines as those of the all-metal Junkers plane, but greatly mag-

nified. The passenger cabins would be located in the wings, now utilized in many metal ships for gasoline tanks. The leading edge of the wings would have glass windows. Control and crew quarters, freight space and additional passenger quarters would be located in the hull. The fuselage plan differs from the usual flying-boat type in that it is fitted with two wing-like metal pontoons, one on either side. Although the ship is designed as a monoplane, in the air the set of pontoons would give additional supporting surface.

Herr Brenner's design is based on the fact that a large part of the power developed by a flying machine's motors is used to overcome the air resistance. Without increasing the consumption of fuel, he believes he can double the speed of the ship at high altitudes, so that ordinary motors would be large enough to power it.

# GAS MASKS GUARD WORKERS REPAIRING LEAKY MAINS

Gas masks of the type that protected soldiers during the world war were pressed into service by a crew of workers in Lon-



When Gas Masks Helped Peaceful Treuch Diggers; Workmen in London Seeking Leaky Gas Mains, Protected by Mouth Shields

don while hunting leaks in the city gas mains. The hazard of the job was increased by the necessity of working in deep trenches where vapors had insufficient chance to escape in case flows of considerable pressure were encountered. With the masks, the workers were able to make a thorough search.

# RADIO GUIDES DRIVERLESS AUTO THROUGH CITY STREETS 4-6

Bowling along through Broadway traffic as easily as though a chauffeur were at the wheel, a driverless auto astonished New Yorkers not long ago. The apparent mystery was explained by a second car, following about fifteen feet behind. It contained wireless sending apparatus by which the forward car, equipped with receiving instruments, was operated.

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# PITCH OF PROPELLER MEASURED TO AVOID VIBRATIONS

As an aid to air and water transportation, a gauge devised by a western inventor permits accurate measurements of



the pitch of propellers so that they will run smoothly and avoid the damage that sometimes results from an improperly balanced unit. It can be used on propellers of all sizes and is said to have proved so successful that boat owners obtain final check with it before installing the propellers in their craft. The slightest difference in the curve of the blades can be detected with this instrument.

# TO SPAN THE NARROWS

Battling against ocean tides, engineers risked their lives in erecting a span of electric-transmission cable across the Narrows, an arm of Puget sound, near Tacoma, Wash. The wires, six in all and

each to carry 110,000 volts, were suspended from two towers on each bank. The supports, 335 feet high, stand on bluffs 300 feet above the water, and the span is 6,241 feet long. The weight of the cables causes them to sag to within 245

feet above the sound, a height required by the government to prevent interference with vessels passing beneath. Lifting the strands to their lofty anchors necessitated the use of hoisting engines, tested to raise thirty-two tons The wires were first made fast to the insulators on one shore and then taken across, one at a time, on a barge pulled by a tug. A reel with a special brake payed the cable out as the boat proceeded. The water averaged about 150 feet in depth and the work was hindered by the strong tides which at times, ran over seven miles an hour. When the cable had been pulled to the opposite shore, it was made fast to tackle and hoisted to the tower where connection was completed. The line is intended to withstand a strain of many thousand pounds and to resist a seventymile wind even when it is coated with half an inch of ice. The wire in the

strands had to be severed by a special hydraulic cutter because of its hardness.

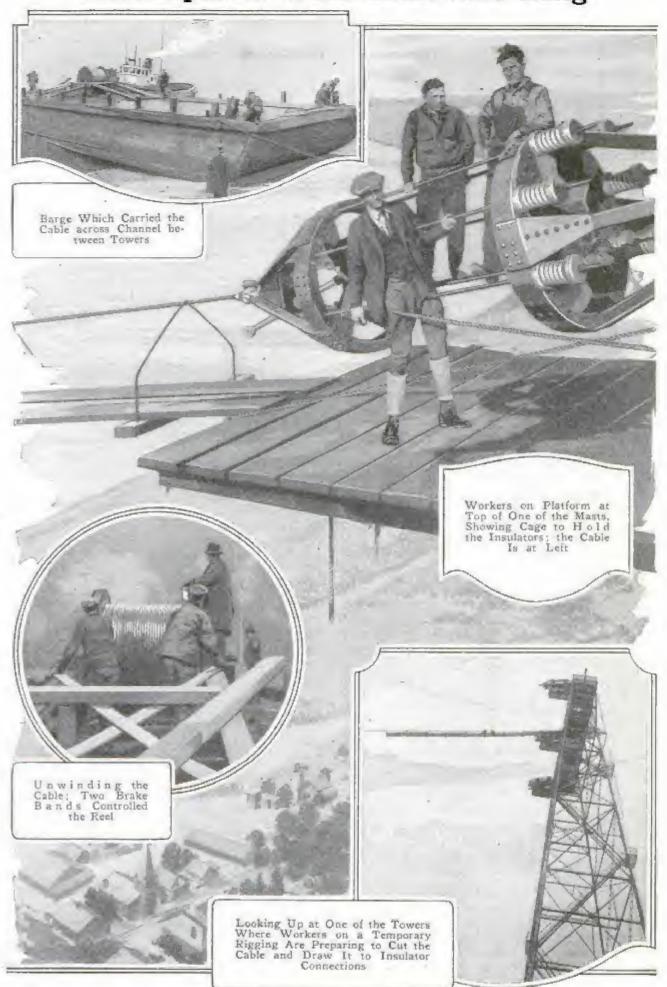
#### GLASSES ARE MADE FOG-PROOF WITH PIECE OF PARAFFIN



Glasses, mirrors and windshields are said to be come proof against fogging or steaming by rubbing them with chemically treated parafin. A little moisture is used with the sub-

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# Cable Span Is More Than Mile Long



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# WITH LIGHTED BOX

Patrons of a Los Angeles theater are paged without annoyance to the rest of the audience by means of an



name of the person wanted in stencils back of which the light shines. Thin brass letters are used to make up the names and can be adjusted quickly. An ordinary flashlight of the larger size furnishes the illumination and also serves as a handle.

#### NEW DEATH RAY KILLS GERMS IN TENTH OF SECOND

A ray which literally deals death and promises to be of practical use in combating insect pests has been developed in the laboratories of the General Electric company. It killed highly resistant bacteria spores in an exposure of one-tenth of a second and fruit flies, upon being rayed for an instant, showed almost complete collapse and died in a few hours. The rays are produced by an electrical discharge as powerful as 250,000 volts inside a glass vacuum tube at one end of which is a "window" of aluminum, through which rapidly moving electrons pass and have an effective range of eighteen inches. The air itself becomes luminous in front of the tube and castor oil was changed into a solid. Similar rays have been produced

within tubes before, but never in such quantity in the air, it is said. The effects of the emanations on higher forms of life were also striking. A small portion of a rabbit's ear was exposed to the rays for about fifty seconds. A scab developed on both sides of the ear and later, fell out, leaving a hole which became covered with a growth of snow-white hair.

# SHIELD FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDER PROTECTS FACE AND LEGS

Fitting around the handlebars of the motorcycle, an apron arrangement with a transparent shield, protects the rider's face and legs and does not interfere with the controls. The shield itself is supported by a strong steel framework, permits unobstructed vision and can be quickly removed. Protection for the legs is afforded by coverings that fasten at the bottom and are held in place by springs.

#### OARS WITH REVERSIBLE LOCKS MAKE ROWING EASIER

Permitting the boatman to face forward when rowing or backward when trolling, reversible oars now on the market are intended to add to the safety and enjoyment of hunters, fishermen and pleasure seekers. To reverse, the oars are simply turned over thereby locking a gear arrangement which fits a standard oarlock, whether of the plate or countersunk type, and is held to the gunwale by thumbscrews. An additional advantage is that oars fitted with this attachment can be folded to three-fourths of their original length or entirely removed from the gears to simplify carrying in an automobile.



Reversible Oars Permit Boatman to Face Direction He Is Going, an Aid in Steering

\$10.00 per set



### Florida Seas Are Reclaimed for Homes

High Prices of Beach-Front Lands Make Even Artificial Islands Pay, While Draining of the Everglades Provides Farm Sites

FLORIDA is mostly all ocean front, but there isn't enough to go around, and so the sea has been called on to produce new shore lands for homes. This artificial increase in available lots is being brought about by dredging sand from the bottom to create islands, separated from the mainland by deep channels, but connected by bridges. Marsh land and tidal overflows likewise are being built up higher than the sea and

made available for the ever-spreading subdivisions.

There are more dredges at work in Florida, by a conservative estimate, than in any similar area on earth, and yet equipment cannot be erected fast enough to supply the demand for more floating land builders to suck up the sand from the sea and build it into home sites. In the interior, the reclaiming of waste land likewise is proceeding with the draining of vast sections of the Everglades swamp, to be converted into rich farm lands. Two and three crops of fruits and vegetables a year, ripening when winter has raised prices in the northern markets, enable Florida farmers to finance almost any kind of land-recovery project.

Since the state has become the mecca for all the automobile tourists of the east who seek warm climes for the winter months, the biggest boom in its history is under way. Railroads last fall were forced to order an embargo on all inbound freight not considered absolutely essential, the favored list being confined largely to food and clothing and the material needed to make boxes and barrels in which to ship the

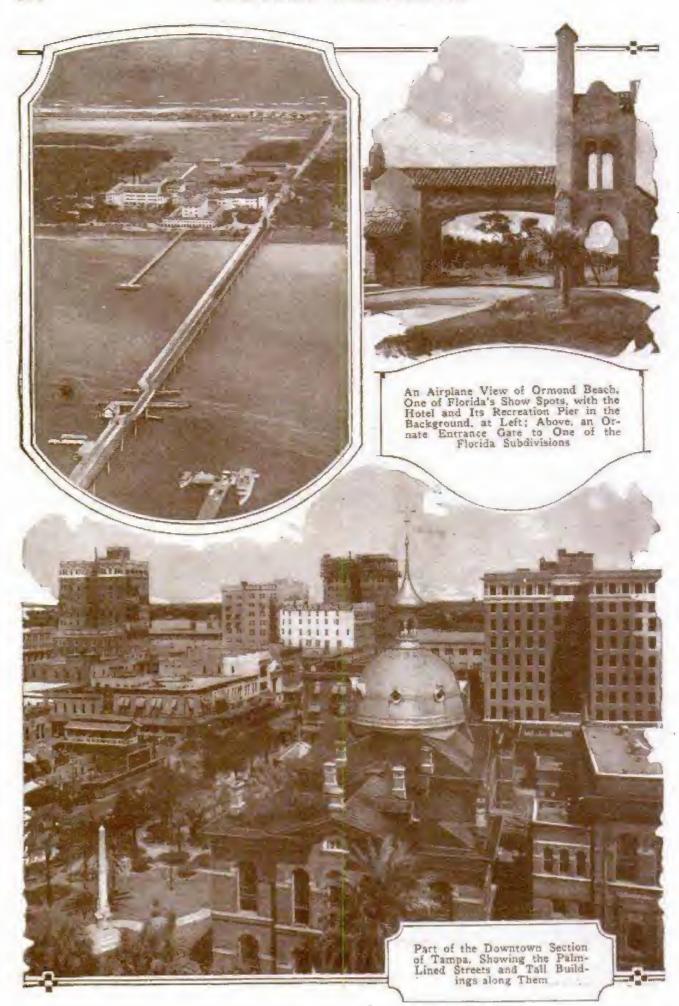
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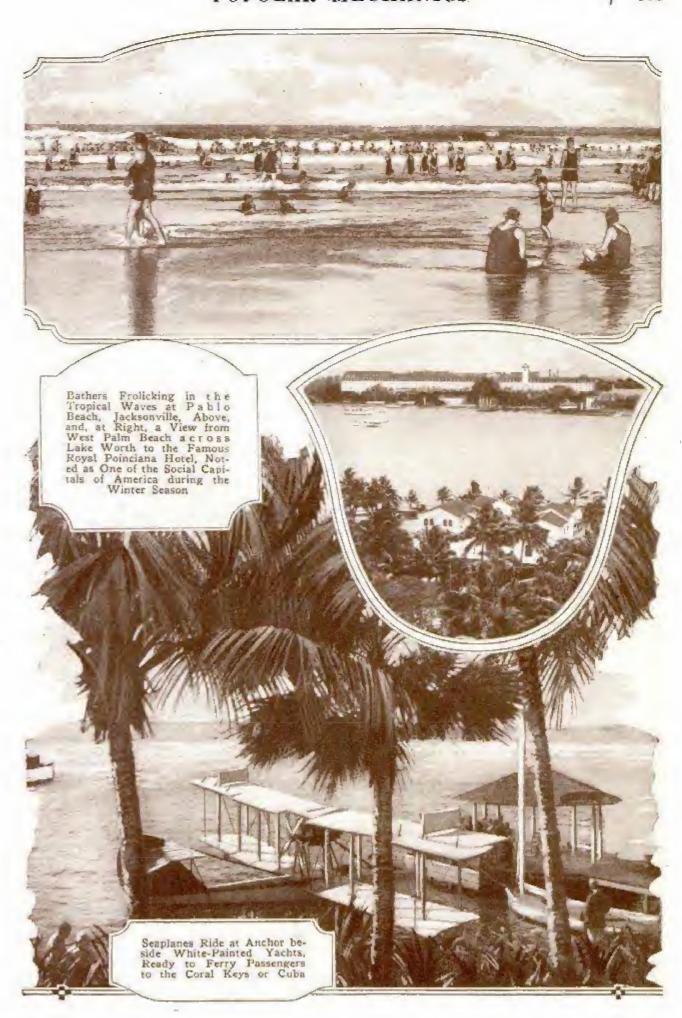
The railroad blockade became so bad that much freight had to be shipped in by water, and distributed by motor truck. One Chicago company, which had undertaken to equip several large hotels with crockery, china, silver and other articles, was forced to ship the material, equal to more than 100 freight-car loads, direct from the Lake Michigan port by boat. It went down the St. Lawrence to the sea and around to Tampa in eighteen days.

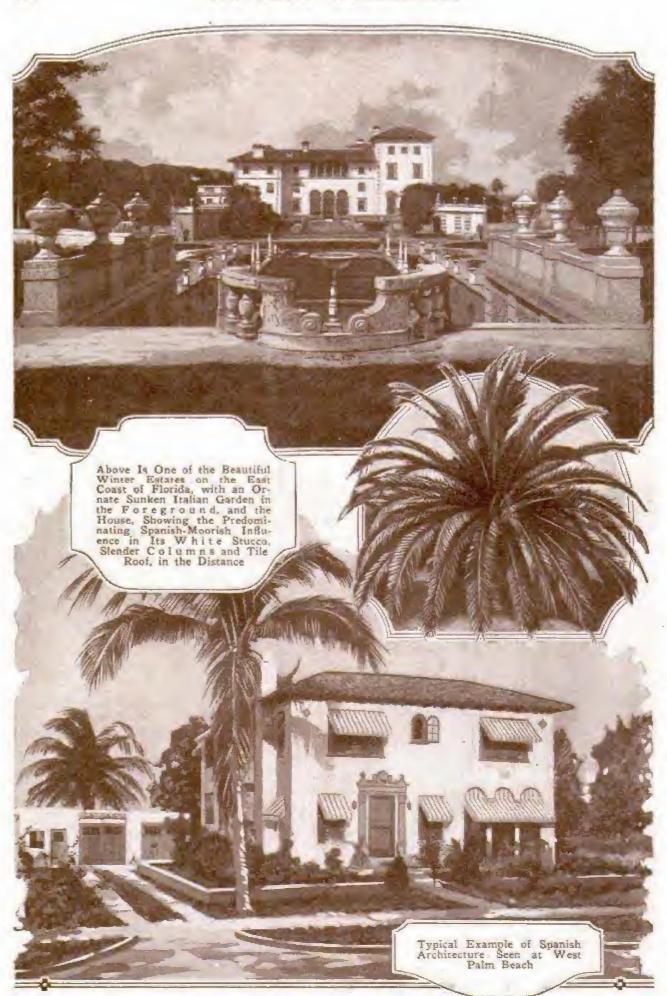
The "tin-can tourists" who drift south each winter and live in tent colonies present such a problem that one colony was forced to erect its own tent school and supply a teacher for the eighteen pupils, since the community in which they were settled had no

space in its schools for additional students.

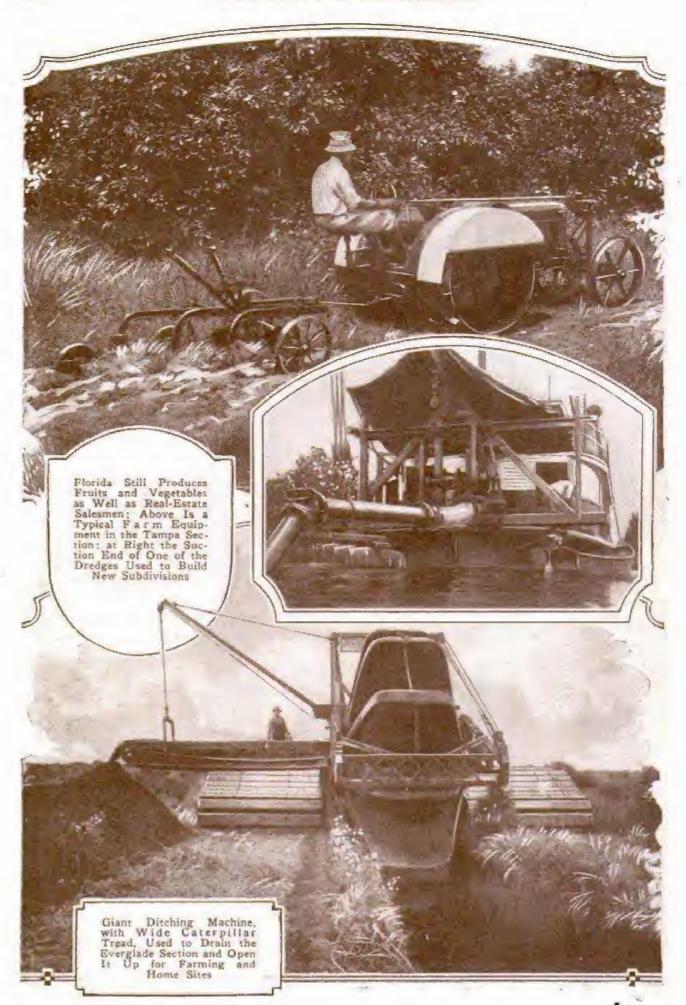
Florida has room for 40,000,000 people, but a permanent population of only 1,200,000.

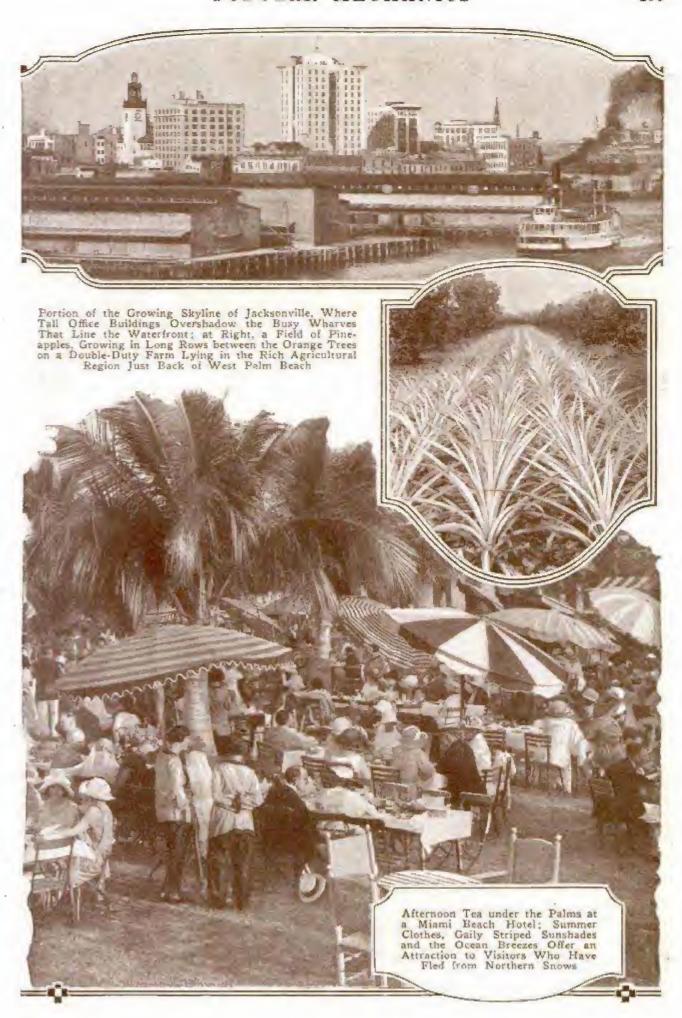


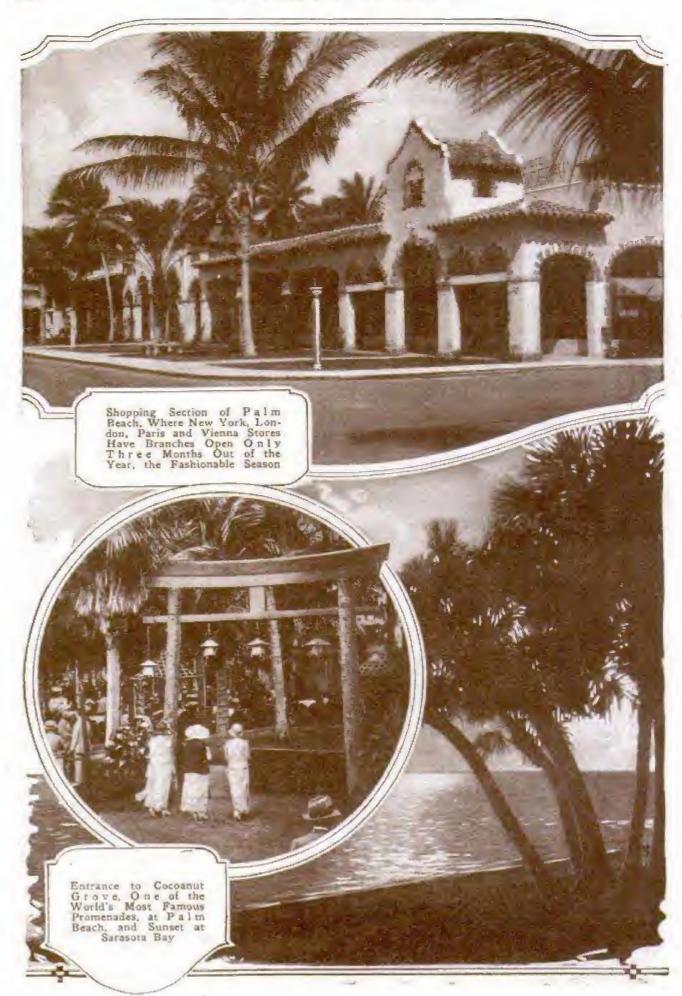


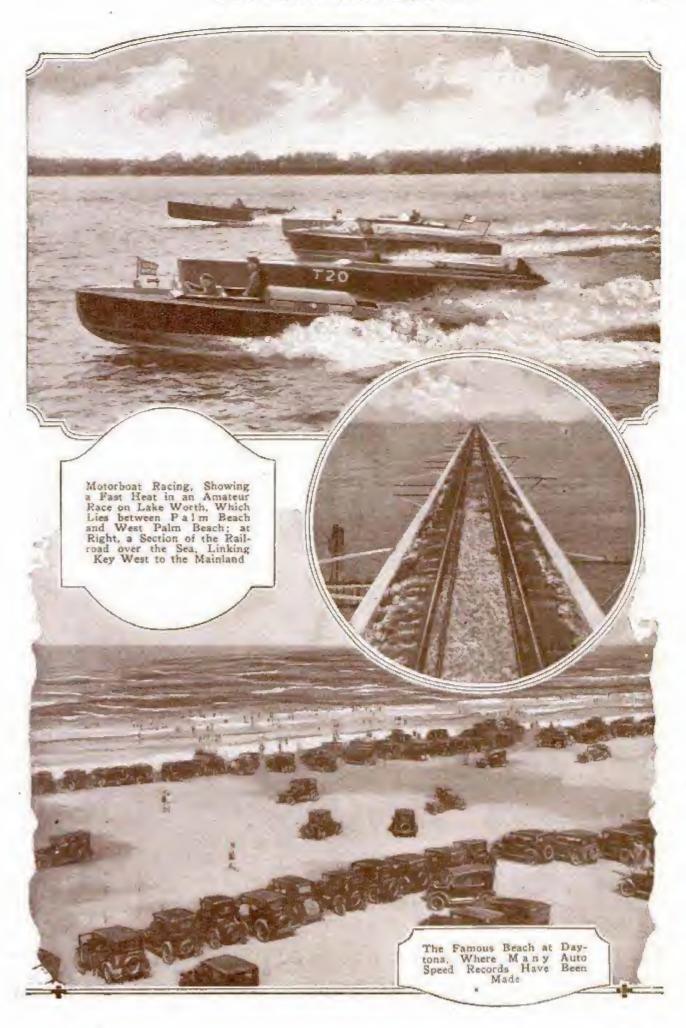


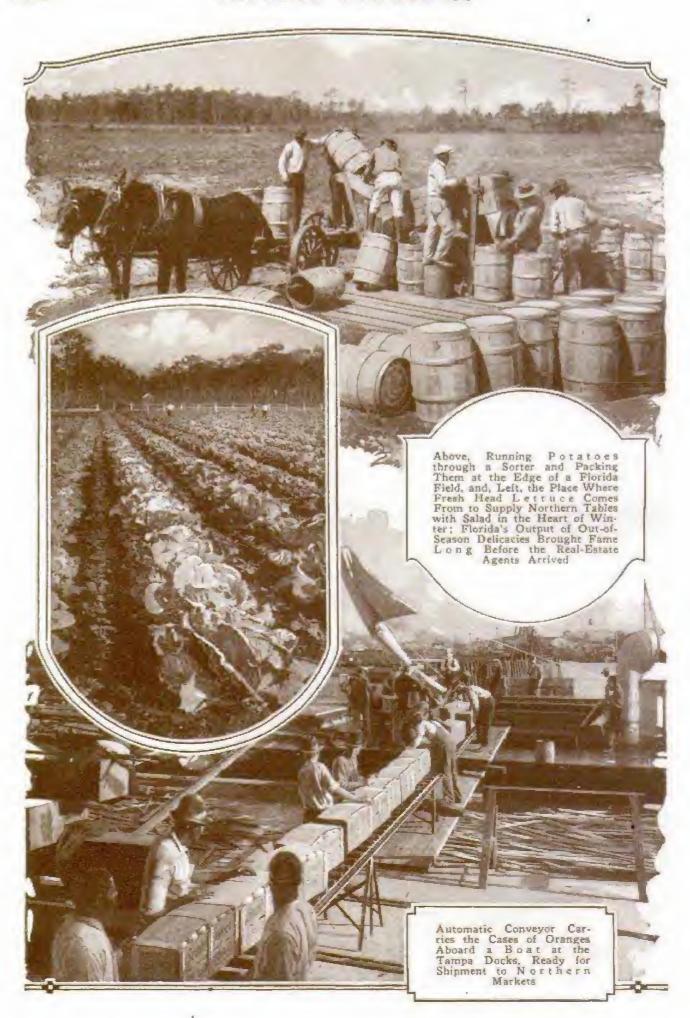












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#### VIBRATIONS ON EDGE OF DISK IMPROVE RADIO TONE & 36

Improved tone quality from the radio set, the phonograph and the telephone

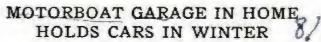
receiver is seen as a result of an invention by Dr. Lee DeForest. It is a method of sound reproduction in which no horn is used. Its chief difference lies in the way in which the vibrations are reproduced. While the present method is like beating a drum, the new way is to set up the vibrations in a curved diaphragm by applying an electromagnet unit to its edges. The entire surface of the diaphragm takes up the sound waves and sends them forth in all directions without distortion. In the opinion of a musical expert, the individual

characteristics of various instruments are reproduced so successfully that even a highly trained ear can detect scarcely any difference from the original.

# BOX THAT HOLDS MANY GAMES HELPS TRAIN CHILDREN

Development of the child's mind and body as well as his amusement are sought in a set of nearly 100 different games and a drawing scroll with twenty-three subjects, all packed in a small suitcase which the child can carry. A transparent slate fits over the scroll for easy copying in pencil or colors, and included in the list of

games, is one'that has been specially devised to test the young person's ingenuity and abilities and to encourage him to go to reference works, the Bible or his textbooks for answers. A "world" game fixes in the child's mind the principal cities of the world, their exports and other features. while other amusements include checkers, dominoes and outdoor games.



A bit of Venice has come to America in the form of motorboat garages built as



Motor Launch Entering Its Dock through Wide Back Door of Residence; Pumped Dry in Winter, the Space Holds Cars

part of residences in Detroit, Mich. They are constructed at the rear of the dwellings and open directly into a lake so that the boats may be run into the shelters simply by opening the large doors that protect the openings. In winter, the water is pumped out, leaving a dry basement in which an automobile may be stored if there is room beside the boat.

#### AERIAL PHOTOS TAKEN AT NIGHT WITH FIFTY-POUND FLASH

Darkness became daylight for the brief space of a fiftieth of a second over Rochester, N. Y., one night recently, and in that.

short time, camera men obtained pietures as clear and detailed as any they had taken by day. This was made possible by the carefully timed explosion of fifty pounds of flashlight powder dropped from a Martin bombing plane, flying at an altitude of 3,000 feet. The blast shook buildings and broke windows, but its glare enabled the cameras to record the scene.



Using the Transparent Drawing Slate on Suitcase Which Is Full of Novel Games for Children

Pleasant Hill . Oling

# MUFFLER STOPS AUTO SMOKE AND ABSORBS POISON FUMES



Muffler Which Eliminates Smoke from Auto Exhaust and Rids It of Poison Gas by Heat

have been eliminated in a special muffler devised by a Paris engineer. It not only does away with all traces of smoke but destroys the poisonous gas by transforming it into harmless carbon dioxide. This is done by a heating element in the muffler, which completes the combustion of the vapor.

#### AIRSHIP TO USE EXCESS GAS AS FUEL IN ENGINES 732

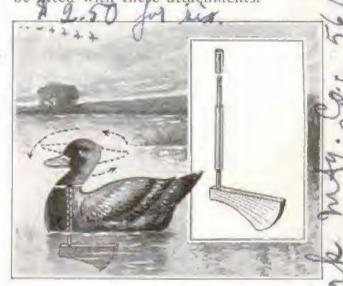
Using the excess hydrogen gas, which ordinarily is valved away as fuel is used and the airship grows lighter, by mixing it with heavy fuel oil in the propelling motors, and then utilizing the burnt exhaust gases from the engines to heat the passenger cabins, and later to protect the ship from fire, a new dirigible being built in England-presents several novelties in con-The airship is one of two struction. 5,000,000-cubic-feet ships being built for the British government, embodying all the latest discoveries in Zeppelin construction. Lacking a cheap supply of helium, it is necessary to fill the gas bags with inflammable hydrogen. Provision is being made, however, to take the exhaust and, after it has given up its heat to warm the cabins, turn it loose between the outer envelope of the ship and the gas bags, where it will form a protective covering against chance ignition of the dangerous hydrogen. The use of the valved excess hydrogen in the engines makes it possible to use cheap heavy fuel, from which there will be much less fire danger than from gasoline. Another novelty in the new ship is the placing of the passenger cabins not only within the hull, but high up on the sides, instead of in the lower keel.

#### 88 2 HOW WOOD ROTS

Aided by the presence of oxygen, small plantlike growths or fungi are responsible for the rotting of wood. These organisms feed upon the starch and other materials in the cells of the timber, finally reducing it to dry powder. The plants in turn throw off billions of tiny spores or cells which are carried about by insects, the winds and in many other ways. air is often so loaded with them that wood & is liable to decay almost anywhere, if exposed, as the plant cells become attached to it and develop. In most climates, it is practically impossible, experts say, to avoid the presence of these fungus sp and sells

#### MOVING HEAD FOR DUCK DECOY HELPS LURE BIRDS

Wooden decoys are made more lifelike by the addition of moving heads in place of fixed ones. They turn with the action of the water against a rudder to which the head is connected. Ordinary decoys may be fitted with these attachments.



Decoy with Movable Head, and Diagram Showing Rudder Which Turns with Action of Water



# School Maintained by Club Women Trains City Girls for Positions as Estate Managers, Farmers and Horticultural Experts

#### By ROBERT H. MOULTON

IT was midsummer and the stifling heat of New York's downtown streets rose above the tops of her tallest skyscrapers. In an office on the uppermost floor of one of these buildings, a young woman left her desk and went to the window in search of a possible vagrant breeze. At her feet the hot, tired smoke-laden city lay scorching in the sun. But farther out were the cool, inviting waters of the river and the sound, and beyond these, stretching far away in panoramic fashion, the beautiful Long Island vista.

Then in her mind's eye she saw a tiny farm cottage, shaded by overhanging trees, a flower garden, a little three-acre plot of other growing things, some placidly grazing sheep, a stream that gurgled its way to the sea-such a scene as she had often pictured to herself. The next day she resigned her position and started out to make the picture of her dreams come That was four years ago. Today the same young woman is manager of one of the largest estates on Long Island, at a salary five times that which she received as a stenographer and her dream of the farm cottage is in a fair way soon to be realized.

The story of how this young woman, who, without any previous experience or knowledge of the subject, prepared herself in a few years for the responsible position of horticultural expert and manager of a country estate, including greenhouses, orchards and vegetable gardens, is an interesting one. In a degree, it is also the story of the success of numerous other young women who have turned their faces from the toil and grind of the city to the open country, and are earning a living from the soil.

She had heard of the school of horticulture for women at Ambler, Pa., an institution that is each year turning out young women qualified to run farms, to be florists, market gardeners, managers of fruit plantations, and specialists as teachers of home and school gardening in public and private schools. With the money she had saved, and some slight assistance from her family, she was enabled to take the two years' course offered by the college. Upon graduation, she was recommended to the owner of the estate who was seeking a manager. Her success in the new undertaking was immediate.

The school of horticulture for women was founded a few years ago by the club and college women of Philadelphia, and is under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Leighton Lee. In America this is the first school of its kind for women. Miss Lee believes that a woman may earn a good



Group of Girl Students at Work in the Garden at the Pennsylvania School of Herticulture for Women, Where City Girls Are Taught to Fill Positions as Estate Managers and Farm Experts

income from the smallest piece of ground, provided she specializes in some particular branch of horticulture. The field includes the raising of flowers, vegetable gardening, the growing of fruits, nuts and nursery stock, and in addition beet culture and chicken raising. While all of these branches do not require especially strenuous labor, the question naturally arises whether women are physically adapted to such work as plowing, spraying and the handling of heavy boxes and barrels of fruit. They are not always strong enough to do such work, but this is not necessary, so long as they know how such things should be done and can direct the efforts of laborers.

Women have an instinctive love for growing things and get a keener enjoyment from cultivating them than men.

The school property at Ambler consists of a farm of seventy-one acres. About

twenty acres are used for the school in the various branches of horticulture and the remainder for farm crops. Much of that part used for horticulture is given to special plantations for practice and experimental work for the students. This includes an old apple orchard, a number of pear trees. young apple, peach, plum and cherry orchards, a vineyard of about 250 vines, a large variety of small fruits, flower and vegetable gardens, nurseries, greenhouse, hotbeds, cold frames, bee colonies and a poultry plant.

Recognizing that constant practice throughout each season is essential to success in horticultural

work, the school devotes a large part of the time to practice work in the growing of flowers, vegetables and fruits, each student planting and caring for a small plot of ground, under instruction, for which she is responsible. Theoretical instruction is given in botany, entomology, soils and horticultural chemistry. Training in the principles of simple carpentry is given, the students being taught to make cold frames, boxes, flats and various other articles incident to garden work.

The daily schedule at Ambler begins at 8:15, when the students go to the greenhouse for roll call and to receive charge for the day's work. They are simply dressed: in winter, in woolen skirts and blouses; in summer, khaki skirts and smocks. One squad takes charge of the greenhouse, looking after the watering, the temperature, the fire; cleaning of pots and beds, spraying for insects, etc. An-



Practical Lessons in Gardening Are Given, the Students Learning to Transplant Young Plants Started under Greenhouse Glass

other squad will transplant seedlings; perhaps a third will make cuttings for propagation and wash the sharp sand in the propagating bed before putting in their cuttings. This is done every three or four weeks, or generally after several plantings and cuttings.

From these propagating beds hundreds of plants are raised, and they are always kept full of cuttings through the winter. It takes twenty-six days as a rule for cuttings to make good roots, and from the propagating bench they go into two-inch pots. The heat, both bottom and top, the watering, sometimes three times a day, removal of weak and dead plants and the general watchfulness for pests, etc., make for strong vigorous plants as stock for filling the greenhouse.

Other students plant seeds in flats, and

these flats are made in the carpentry class on Saturday afternoons. After the practical work in the greenhouse. lectures upon different subjects are given until luncheon: after luncheon. outdoor practical work if possible,



Lesson in Tree Trimming, Top, Practical Work in the Garden, Center, and a Teacher Giving a Spading Demonstration in the Field

weather permitting, either in the nursery, pruning, budding, grafting, or planting shrubs and small fruits. spraying the orchards, or laying out the grounds by the landscapegarden class; planning vegetable gardens or individual flower beds, or poultry yards. 4:30 the day is

ended. In spring and summer the classes in botany and entomology go afield for specimens.

A recent feature of the school which is of keen interest is the jam kitchen. The products of the farm and orchards are thus conserved. In doing this, the preserving class use the latest recipes of the department of agriculture and the same equipment. The attractive little kitchen is a one-roomed building, with many windows completely screened. All the apparatus for quick work is placed conveniently, so that no steps are wasted.

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HEATER FOR AUTO ALSO SERVES

To keep the automobile engine from freezing, a small, gasoline-burning heater, installed under the hood, produces a suffi-

ald, the oldest of the precious gems, and the ruby often rival the diamond in value, although the latter has become a standard and favorite. Ruby mines in Burma have been worked for centuries, and their output during the last thirty-five years is placed at \$10,000,000.



Adjusting Combination Heater and Lamp to Keep Auto
Motor from Freezing

ciently brilliant flame for use as a trouble lamp. A single filling will last for forty to forty-eight hours and about half a cent's worth of fuel will last a whole day under continuous burning. The heater is said to raise the temperature from twenty to sixty degrees under the hood and may also be used to keep the inside of the car warm while driving, or as a stove while skating, hunting or at foot-

ball games. It is so safe that gasoline poured over the heater will only extinguish the flame.

# ALL OF DIAM<del>ONDS</del> IN WORLD WORTH FIVE BILLION

According to a gem expert, the total value of all the diamonds in the world today is \$5,000,-000.000, and a large share of them are in the United States, where about fifty per cent of the annual supply and of other precious stones is consumed. The world's gold supply is placed at less than \$8,000,000,000 and most of this is also in the United States at the ent time.

## IRON IS MADE WITHOUT "PIGS" BY ELECTRIC PROCESS

Direct manufacture of malleable iron and steel without the intermediate formation of "pigs" is seen as a result of an electric process developed in Sweden. Iron ore and coal are mixed and fused under this method, producing iron holding only .02 per cent of carbon, according to reports, and steel that may be worked in the usual manner. The process is continuous and the fusing ceases only when the furnace is tapped. The absence of gases and slag results in a superior product.

## TOTEM BIRD WITH BOARD WINGS

One of the most distinctive totem poles in a small village on Alert Bay, B. C., is surmounted by the large figure of a bird with outspread wings constructed of boards and vividly decorated. The emblem is believed to typify a real bird which may have been chosen as a sign of good fortune. Authorities are able to trace similarities between various races and peoples through their use of the totem.



Guardian of a Northern Village, Top of Totem Pole Showing Fantastic Bird with Outspread Wings of Painted Boards

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The Camera's Report of a Disastrous Horse-Race Accident; Above, Just Preceding the Spill, Below, the Horses Rolling Over; All Taken Before the Spectators Realized What Was Happening

# TRIPLE SPILL IN HORSE RACE TESTS CAMERA'S SPEED 92.

One of the most unusual accidents that ever occurred in horse racing was recorded from start to finish by a rapid camera at an Australian race recently. Three horses, running neck and neck, fell together after jumping a hurdle. Two of

them were killed. The rapidity of the action was further evidenced by the fact that spectators apparently did not realize what was happening at the actual moment of the fall, for the camera's record shows

them gazing at the horses without visible sign of excitement.

### STAMPS HELD IN FOUNTAIN PEN PROTECTED FROM MOISTURE

Postage stamps are kept from damage and are readily available in a small receptacle at the end of a fountain pen. A twist

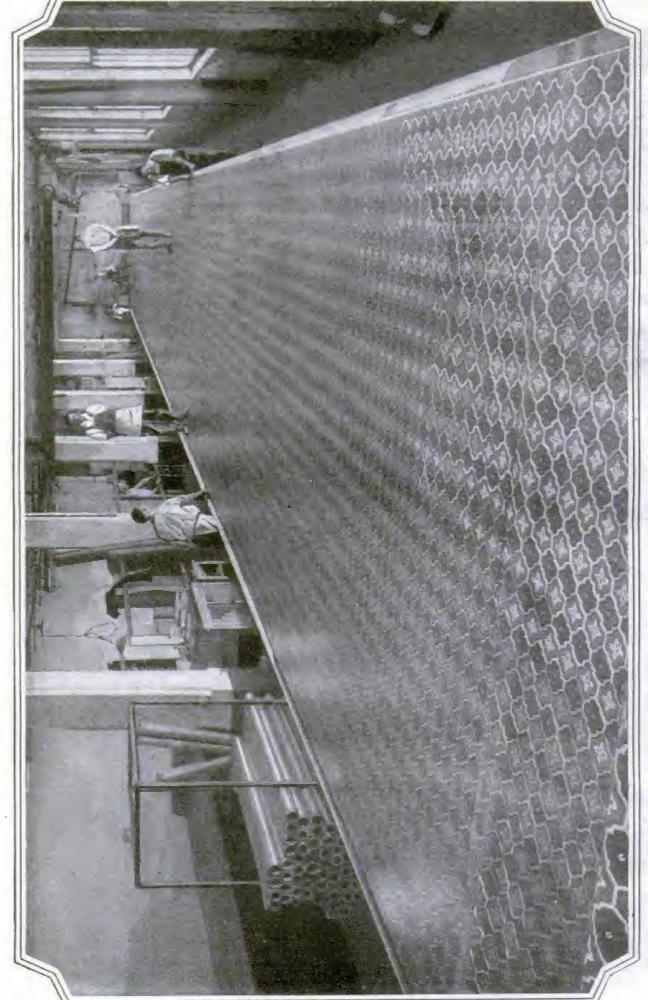
of the barrel exposes a stamp from a small roll through a slot. Danger of loss and sticking to the pocket is eliminated by this plan. The holder is easily filled and stamps cannot drop out unless the barrel is turned.



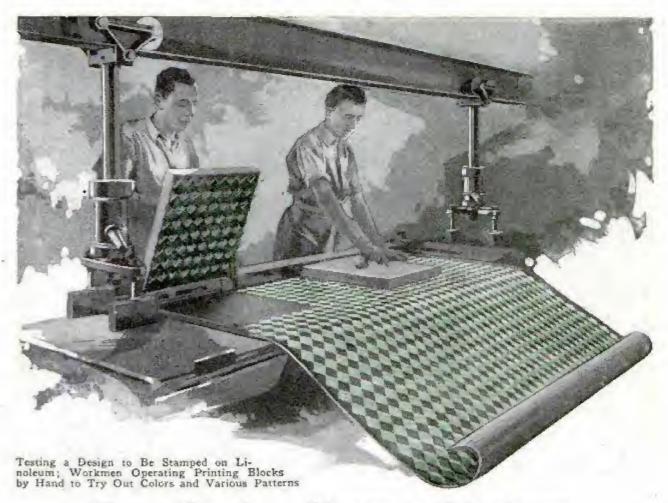
the fall, for the camera's record shows Unipiling Stamp through Slot in Side of Pen-Holder Barrel by Twisting

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Inspecting Pinished Linoleum before Shipment; Lengths Are Spread Flat on a Long Table, While Trained Experts Go Over Every Square Foot, Searching for Possible Flaws in the Pattern; These Sometimes Occur from Imperfect Inking of Printing Blocks or Running of Color



#### From Earthen Floors to Linoleum

#### How Products from Remote Parts of World Are Combined to Give Beauty and Utility in Floor Covering

In the evolution of floors, from prehistoric days when hard-tamped earth was used to promote comfort, through periods during which rich rugs were laid or stone floors were covered with rushes to guard against dampness, the skill and imagination of man have ever been directed toward seeking better flooring.

New knowledge of chemical science now has helped produce a floor that is clean, a thing of beauty, durable and quiet. This is linoleum, a combination of flax and oil, the invention of Fred Walton, who sought to devise a material which would have the warmth of a carpet and the dust-and-water repelling qualities of oilcloth.

To make it, products are gathered from remote parts of the world. Linseed oil is brought from India, Russia, Siberia and Argentina, and cork from the Spanish peninsula and Africa. In marshy regions around Bengal, India, half-naked natives gather jute in swamps, and, to remove the outer fiber, they beat with flat wooden

paddles the tall stems. Only the inner fiber of jute is used in making burlap on which the cementlike linoleum "mix" is poured.

It is said that the idea of using linseed oil in making flooring came to the inventor when he noticed that the thin film which forms over a can of paint is exceedingly elastic and tough. Prior to this, another inventor had devised a method of making India rubber soft by use of steam heat, mixing it with granulated cork and then rolling the composition to desired thickness. Walton substituted linseed oil for costly rubber and thus was made the first linoleum.

Every step in the manufacture of this product, from hardening of the oil to final inspection of the finished product, requires the skill of experts and is carefully watched. After chemists have tested the oil for purity, it is boiled from three to ten hours and then is pumped into small conveyors which move under the roof of the oxidizing shed, from which are hung long



Pattern-Block Cutter at Work, Oxidized Linseed Oil, and Coating Burlap Backing

sheets of fabric. As the conveyors are moved from one end of the shed to the other, they distribute the oil to troughs. These are perforated to allow the oil to flow down the fabric sheets. This operation continues twice daily for six to ten weeks. In the heated air linseed oil slowly changes on the fabric to a tough elastic skin. When the sheets are

taken down, they are about an inch in thickness and are passed through metal rollers which grind them to pulp. This is cast into huge heated kettles, holding about two tons each. The oil soon begins to fuse with the rosin and other gums that are mixed with it to give a better binding quality. When the mixture is ready, the kettles are tipped and the mass pours into huge cement basins to cool.

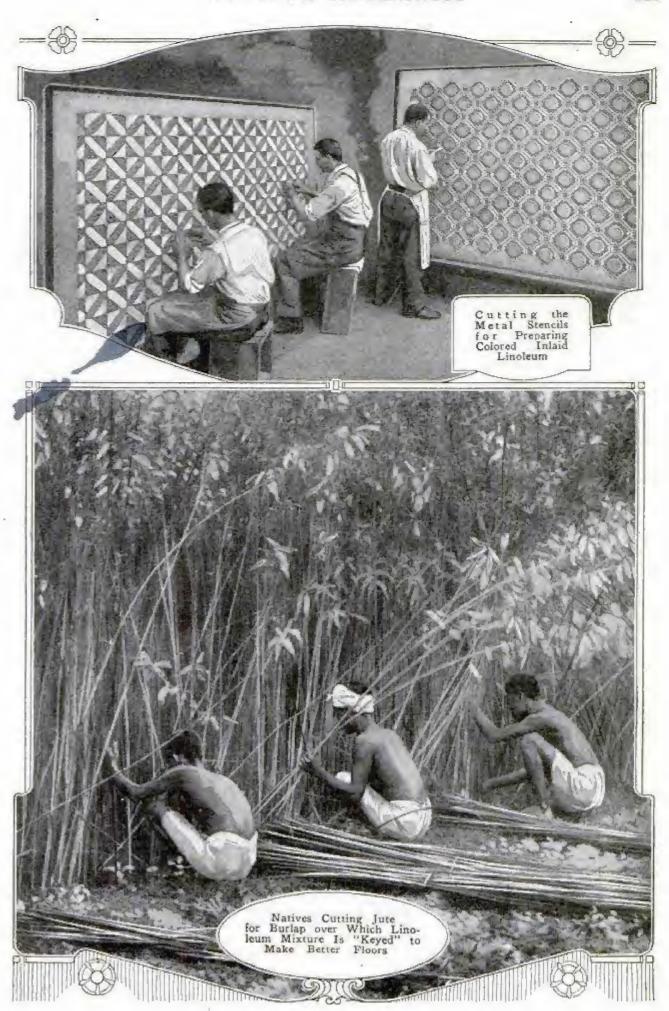
This process is called cement making, and the product has a consistency something between rubber and molasses candy. This cement is then chopped into blocks, about a foot square and between five and six inches in thickness, for convenience in handling. When it has aged three

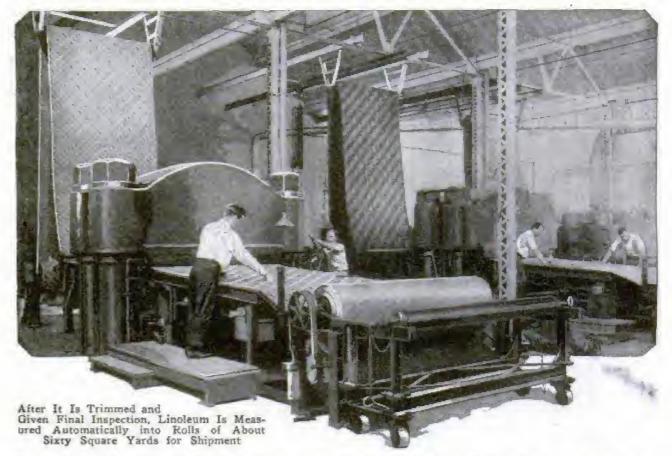
weeks, it is mixed with "cork flour," and coloring matter is added to produce the shade desired. The product is next put through a big machine that looks like a meat grinder. Cement passes out in shreds and is dropped to the floor below. Here pulverized cork is added to make what is known as the mix-cement and cork. This material has the appearance of a dark brown, oily sawdust. It is warm and sticky. and ready for passing through the huge calendering machines. These ponderous mechanisms have great heated steel rollers through which the mix passes, covering burlap sheets that are fed from below. From here the material, still soft, is passed into the "stoves."

into the "stoves," or drying rooms, where it is kept me two to eight was and then it is praced on long, broad tables on which keep eved inspectors walk, examining every square foot for possible flaws.

Printed linoleum, exactly as the name implies, is made of plain linoleum seasoned in the stoves and upon the surface of which a design or pattern is actually printed with oil paints. To







fashion the patterns on wooden printing blocks requires great skill. For each color in the pattern a separate block must be made. Patterns are first sketched on paper and then transferred to the wooden forms.

There is still another kind of this flooring known as inlaid linoleum, straightline and molded. When pulverized cork is added to the ground linoleum, cement pigments are put in to produce attractive blues, whites, reds, yellows and other colors, which are characteristic of the inlaid flooring. This material is passed through

a calendering machine which flattens it out in much the same fashion that pie dough is rolled. These sheets of mix are called "blankets." From the blankets little blocks of various - colored linoleum are cut out with steel dies. These are placed in their proper positions on burlap, and then, by means of heavy hydraulic presses, forced together by heat and pressure. Thus, they are practically , fused to each other and to the burlap backing.

Molded inlaid linoleum, or granulated, is made in quite another way. The mix, properly colored, is passed through stencils in granulated form onto the burlap. Heavy presses then key the colors permanently to the burlap. Both kinds of linoleum go back into the drying-rooms to be toughened, and as they pass into the ovens, the burlap back is coated with

heavy red paint to protect it from moisture possibly present in the surface on which the linoleum is to be laid. Thus, through the skill and inventive . imagination of man, has been created a floor covering impervious to dampness, water and cold, and practically noiseless.



Linoleum "Mix" Passing through Calender to Press It into Flat Blankets for Covering Burlap

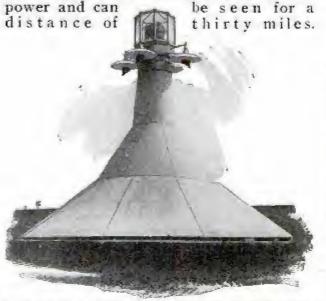
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### GROWTH OF PLANT IN SECOND MEASURED BY SOUND

By translating the growth of a plant into sound or light, two research students at the University of Pennsylvania, have been able to measure just how much the roots develop from second to second. The in-strument used is a sensitive "ultramicrometer" and principles governing the operation of an ordinary radio set have been adapted to the task. Every fan knows that a change in the relation of the condenser plates will produce a corresponding alteration in the surge of current. This fact has been adapted to the measurement of the growth in a special "radio set" so arranged that the root of a plant is made to press down on the crossbar supporting one of the condenser plates. The resulting changes are heard through an ordinary pair of headphones, a series of oscillations which can be counted with the aid of a stopwatch, provided they are within the range of the human ear. Metals are tested with this apparatus in much the same way, substituting the piece under observation for one of the condenser plates.

### LIGHTHOUSE FOR AIRSHIP LINE HAS REFLECTING BASE

Beams are reflected from its lights and from the smooth curved base of a keacon erected at the Croydon aerodrome, England, to guide airships to safe landings. The lamps are of about 200,000 candle-



Curved Base of This Airplane Beacon Reflects Light for Guidance of Flyers

They are arranged so that they flash toward the sky three times and toward the base, twice.



### DIAMOND DART PIERCING ARM LATEST FAD IN JEWELRY

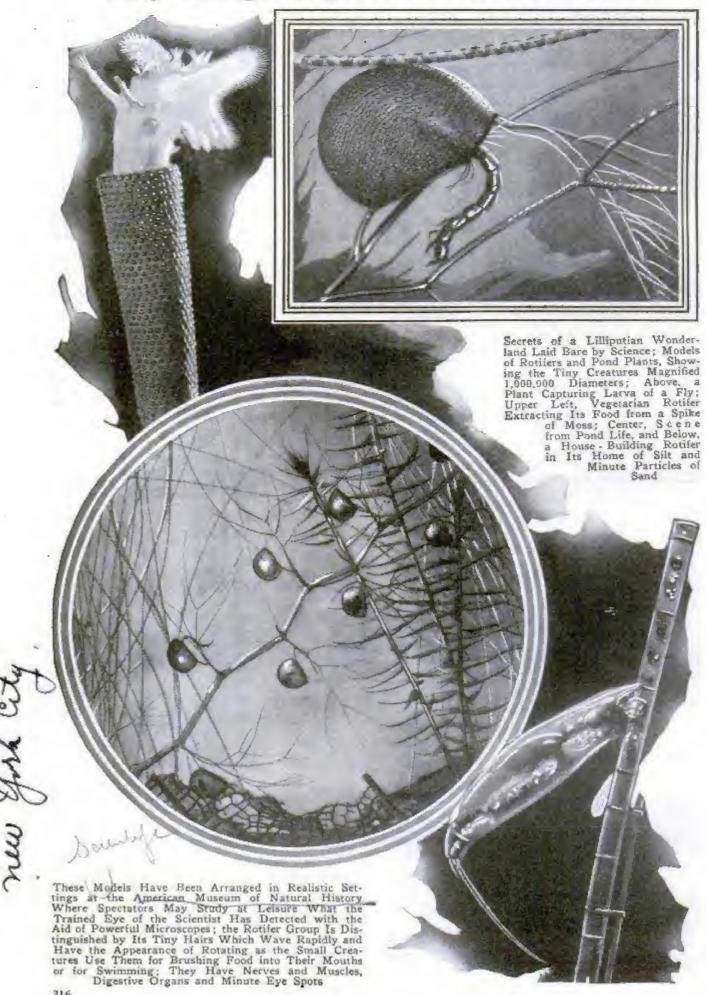
Held in place by a hidden silver wire, a diamond-studded arrow, to be worn on the arm, apparently pierces the flesh. In reality, the ornament half encircles the arm on the inside, the point being separated from the end of the shaft. The wire is attached underneath and binds sufficiently to keep the clasp from slipping.

### PURPLE LIGHTS ON FIRE BOXES TO REPLACE RED

Because the use of red lights for automobile stop signs, and other warnings, tends to detract from the effectiveness of the color when applied to locating fire-alarm boxes and stations, Detroit's city council has recommended that purple be adopted for fire purposes. Boxes are to be illuminated by a special type of lamp with a purple lens on each side. Experiments are said to have shown that this shade is visible under unfavorable conditions caused by smoke or fog. The words "Fire Alarm Box" are to be placed on the posts in letters discernible at a distance of 300 feet. It is proposed to forbid the use of the color for other purposes.

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### Tiny Beings Magnified a Million Times



### ELECTRIC HEAT STORED NIGHTS TO WARM HOMES 8 20

By storing up heat in water, engineers of a Milwaukee company hope to provide

a way whereby electricity can be used without great expense for warm-Ing homes, and generators that normally re-Imain idle at night can be Jun to advantage, thus eliminating the loss of unproductive equipment. Their plan is to heat the water by electricity in highly insulated tanks at night and keep the tem-Derature at a useful height during the day by a small amount of current. The hot water would be made to circulate through the house in much the same way that it does in an ordion a ry furnace - heating system. The value of

relectricity as a heating agent is recognized, but in daytime, when current con-Sumption is great and capacity is taxed at peak hours, sufficient electricity for heating purposes could not be delivered without the expense of erecting additional plants. It is hoped that by the waterstorage plan, no extra generators will be needed, and the equipment used at night will be available for service during the day. The idea will be tested out in competition with an ordinary furnace.

### STRAW SHOES MADE OF HAT FOR SUMMER WEAR 5 14.

A large overstock of Panama hats gave an eastern dealer the idea for an innovation

in footwear-shoes made of straw. The uppers are practically all straw save narrow trimmings of black leather. Soles and heels are of the usual shoe material. Besides being comfortable and readily adapted to the shape of the foot, the straw shoes afford the contrast desired in some costumes and are easily cleaned



Attachable to the phonograph motor, a motion-picture projector, designed for



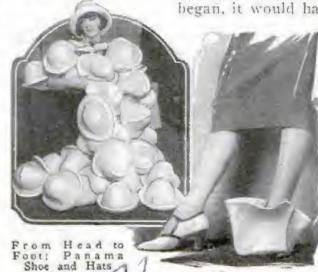
Movies from the Phonograph; Projector Attached to Motor in Cabinet Throws Pictures on Transparent Screen in Front

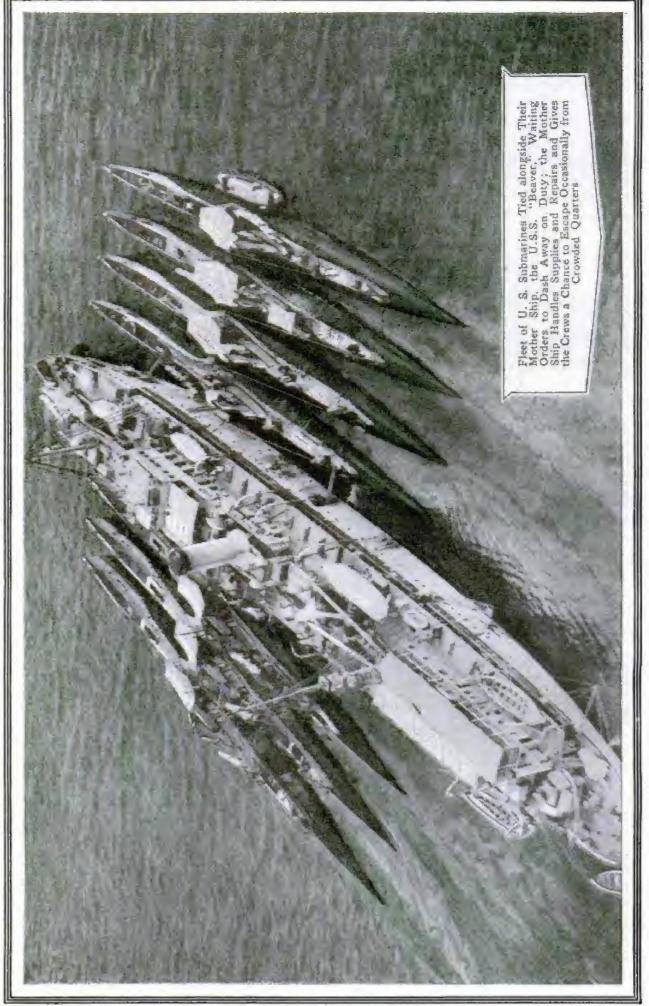
home use, is placed behind a transparent screen on an extension to the cabinet. The mechanism is so arranged that any scene desired may be stopped, without danger of burning the film, for looking at a "still" picture.

### HEART OF DEAD CHICKEN BEATS FOR THIRTEEN YEARS

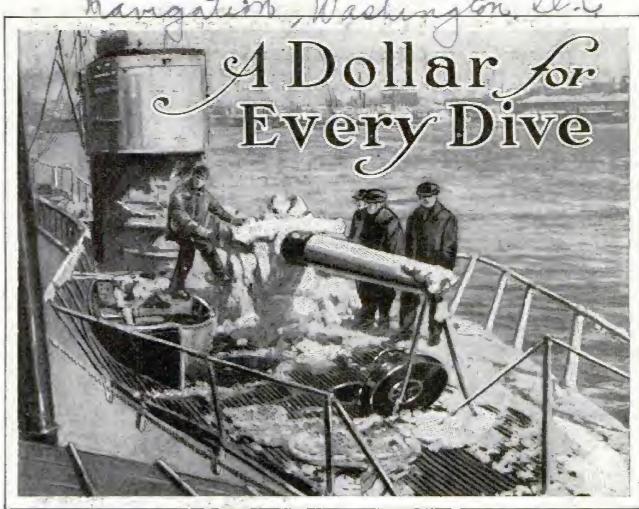
Kept alive by artificial methods, a bit of tissue from a chicken's heart has been growing in the laboratory of Dr. Alexis Carrel since 1913. It has to be pared every day, for its natural tendency is to double its bulk every twenty-four hours, and had it been allowed to grow without restriction since the day the experiment began, it would have covered an area as

large as New York city, scientists say. Motion pictures of the growth of the tissue have been made. . The film shows in a few minutes what occurs in twenty-four hours, an amazing display of the marvels of biology. So long as the tissue is properly cared for, it is believed it will not die.





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### By FLOYD TAYLOR

"REMEMBER, kid. Uncle Sam bets you a dollar to nothing that you'll never come back!"

That phrase is a commonplace at the United States pavy's submarine base at New London, Conn. Every day some gob is heard shouting it to a companion on the deck of a submarine leaving its dock for a trial dive in Long Island sound.

The expression is explained by the navy's payment of a dollar a dive up to fifteen dives a month to the enlisted men in the submarine service. It's always used as a joke, as the submarine man's laugh at his ventures with the sea in a hard and dangerous service.

Recently Lieut. Charles B. Momsen, commander of the submarine "S-1," undertook to show two landsmen what life

in the submarines was like.

J. W. Blank, chief gunner's mate, took us in hand when we arrived. We followed him to the bow and cautiously lowered ourselves through the cramped hatch to the torpedo room. We were just back of the tubes, between two rows of torpedoes with their great heads, painted red, filled with "TNT." We twisted through the entrance to the battery room, where the

men of the crew sleep in tiny banks, as close together as peas in a pod. That room always has a bit of explosive hydrogen in the air, generated by the batteries. There can be no smoking in a submarine, if the crew wish to stay on this side of eternity.

The control room was explained to us and back we went through the engine room, jammed with Diesel engines, except for a narrow alleyway, to the motor room, in the stern. It holds the powerful electric motors and one torpedo tube. Finally Blank took us up to the tiny bridge, a sort of curved balcony perched on top the conning tower, which in turn rests on the control room, in the center of the boat.

"Most people," Momsen said as he guided the ship down the Thames river, "have the idea that submarines stay under water most of the time, but we don't. It's decidedly uncomfortable to stay down more than a few hours. They think that when a storm blows up, we can sink to avoid it. We can't do that. We have to stay on top and take it. Somebody has to stay up here on this bridge. Sometimes waves roll well over it, over the

heads of the men here. They have to

hang on."

When we reached an area definitely assigned the "S-1" for diving, so that she would not collide with other submarines at practice, Lieut. Momsen spoke into a tube:

"Prepare for diving."

The horizontal rudders at bow and stern, which fold into the hull of the submarine, were rigged out. The flag was taken down. All the deck hatches were closed except the one in the center of the bridge, which opens into the conning tower. Two periscopes came sliding up until they rose far above us. The readings were checked in all the tanks.

Momsen took us below to the control room, leaving our quartermaster, Robert Blackwell, on the bridge. Blackwell has the most romantic job of all the crew—he bets his life on his quickness of limb every time the boat dives—but that comes

a little later.

We were prepared for a "crash" dive used in emergencies in war. At the walls about us stood twelve men, each with one part of the bewildering gear to care for. There was a man to handle the horizontal rudders, men at the motor and engine controls, a man at the controls of the pumps and one to handle the vertical rudder. The whole boat is handled from the control room.

Momsen rang the diving bell twice. Sounds leaped to our eardrums from all about us. Simultaneously the men stopped the Diesel engines (they can't be used under water because they suck so much air), opened the Kingston valves to flood the ballast tanks, opened the vents to let the air from the tanks and tilted the horizontal rudders at the bow and stern to force us down.

The depth indicator started to move—we were going down. Blackwell was still on the bridge. As the water rose up the sides of the submarine toward him, he deserted his steering apparatus, the control going to one of the men with us, and jumped backward, dropping through the hatch to the conning tower and jerking the hatch cover down over his head. With the jerk of his arm the boat was watertight.

Blank had stood below the hatch into the control room, ready to jerk its cover if Blackwell failed to close it above.

"If he didn't make it, Blackwell would drown anyway," Blank explained, "but the rest of us would be saved."

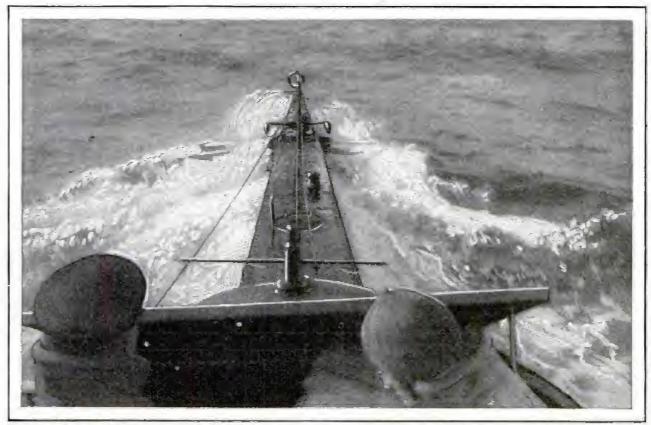
As Blackwell leaped, another gob closed the main induction valve, which draws in air for the engines. If that man failed, the boat would be flooded in a few seconds under water.

The electric motors were started. One minute and eleven seconds after Momsen rang the diving bell we were completely under water. The men at the bow and stern planes reversed the planes' position to stop the descent.

The submarine was to "level off" at forty feet below the surface. Down we dropped. The indicator read thirty-seven feet, thirty-eight, forty, forty-one, forty-



With Railings Rigged and Flag Flying, the "R-23" Starts Off on a Fifty-Two-Hour Trial Run on the Surface, One of the Preliminaries to Acceptance by the Navy Department



The Bow Wave of a Submarine Speeding along the Surface, as It Looks to the Officers behind the Shelter Protection of the Conning Tower, from Which They Navigate the Ship

two. Momsen stepped toward it. Down, every second farther down—we remembered we were in only seventy-five feet of water.

Forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight.

Momsen asked, in hardly more than a murmur:

"Can you stop her?"

"No."

Again, quietly, Momsen spoke: "Blow the forward ballast tanks."

A gob shoved a lever releasing compressed air into the huge tanks running back from the bow, blowing the water from them. The depth indicator slack-ened its pace and we "leveled off" at fifty-five feet. We guests felt relieved. We glanced about cautiously and, finding that nobody else seemed greatly interested, endeavored to assume an air of perfect ease. A couple of gobs smiled at us.

Somebody, we learned later, had put 1,000 pounds of compressed air into the torpedo-room tanks and had not reported it. We had not been in the slightest danger—the boat could have been stopped at any level by "blowing" one or more of the ballast tanks. As we rose, Lieut. Momsen allowed us to use two of the periscopes. We swung them in the long arc between New London and Montauk Point. The view of the boats on the water and of the shore was so clear it seemed

we were on the bridge again. But we still were interested in that excellent record of fifty-five feet, when we had been invited for only forty. Somebody had made a little mistake—suppose, we asked, somebody made a big mistake. The lieutenant told us nobody made big mistakes.

"We have picked crews," he said, "and carefully trained ones. The most difficult problem in the submarine service is training crews; it must be done thoroughly. But we all make little mistakes."

Momsen sent us into the conning tower, where Quartermaster Blackwell was using a periscope. His hair was well sprinkled with gray; he had an air of health about him, a young face and a persistent smile. Blackwell has been in the navy sixteen years.

The conning tower has heavy glass portholes. We had risen until we were just under the surface. We looked forward through the misty green water, decorated with wandering bubbles, rising from the air caught in the structure of the boat.

Momsen called up to the conning tower that he was going to "porpoise." He had his men manipulate the gear so that the submarine rose until the conning tower was above the water then suddenly shot down again.

We asked Blackwell how he liked the

submarine service.



Torpedo Tubes of a German Submarine Being Inspected by a U. S. Sailor

"It's the best in the navy," he said. We recalled that the enlisted men live in the submarines, in their cramped and oily compartments, none of them roomy enough for free movement of a man's body. The food is excellent, but the crews are living practically under war conditions.

They are made up of qualified men, men who have studied and practiced until they can operate any station in a submarine in the dark. The shortest time in which an enlisted man can qualify is six months, an officer must study and practice for a year.

Until the enlisted men qualify, they don't get the one dollar extra a dive. It irritates them a bit, too, that men in the air service are paid fifty per cent extra—they consider submarine assignments quite as hazardous. Their consoling thought is that their officers get nothing extra.

We wondered why Blackwell thought the submarine job "the best in the navy."

"You get fine officers in the submarines," he said, "and they treat you fine. It's crowded and they get their clothes dirty and can't get by just on their uniforms. An officer has to be a fine man to be a real submarine officer. We get a good chance to look him over."

We had been about the submarine base for ten days and had been impressed with the competence of both enlisted men and officers. We had found another reason for men liking submarines—those who seemed to us the most competent, although, of course, we could hardly judge of competence, delighted in doing difficult jobs well. They were operating delicately built and expensive boats. They enjoyed making a good job of it.

Quartermaster Blackwell told us how to ride an air bubble. If a submarine went to the bottom through some accident and was not too far down, he said, a man could be put in the conning tower and sent up on an air bubble. The lower hatch of the tower would be closed. It would be partly filled with water and then compressed air admitted to it from the tanks of the boat until the pressure was the same as that outside. The man would jerk

open the upper hatch and the air in the tower would speed to the surface, carrying him with it. Every man in the boat could be sent up in this way, the last man could operate the air lines from valves in the conning tower. After each man had left, the tower would be pumped free of water for the next one. The danger is that men suddenly released from heavy air pressure get caisson disease, known as "the bends."

We glanced through the forward port holes of the conning tower and could just see the watertight breech cover of the four-inch gun on the forward deck, a



American Gobs in the Engine Room of a German U-Boat Looking Over the Machinery

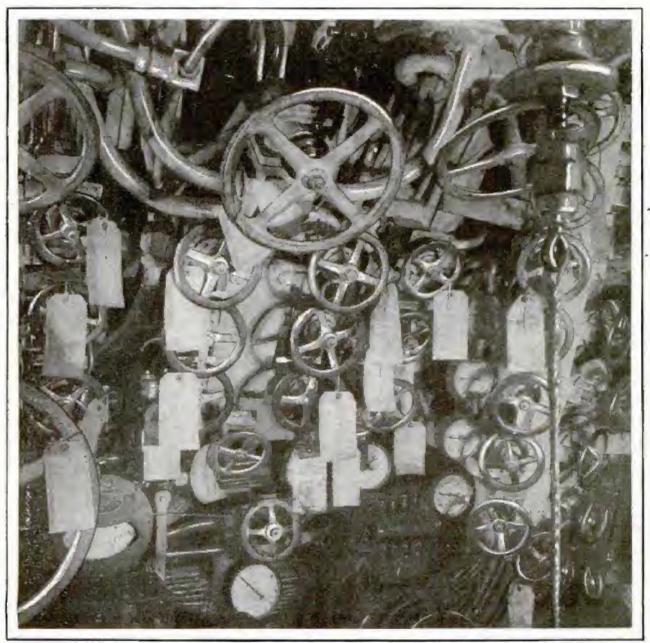
wicked-looking gun with a range of nine miles. It is known as a "wet gun," carried on the deck above and below water. At the stern was a watertight tank, not high enough for a man to stand in, in which the "S-1" carries a little airplane, with wings which fold back. It has been difficult to develop a plane small enough with sufficient strength. The officers of the submarine base hope the navy finds enough money to experiment with the new all-metal planes on submarines, with a catapult, perhaps, to send them away.

We had been under water forty minutes when we finally came to the surface to stay. A considerable air pressure had been built up in the boat by air escaping from compressed-air lines. It was gradually released before the hatch was "cracked" and we went "top side."

As we came in toward the harbor, Momsen spun yarns of the deeds men had done in submarines. He told of the skipper of a United States navy sub in the Asiatic fleet who had come up from a deep dive directly under a destroyer, crushing his conning tower.

This skipper had dropped down again, found he was not seriously damaged and cruised away under water for fifteen minutes to get clear of a cluster of destroyers. Then, for fifteen minutes more, he went ahead to prove to his crew they could handle the boat under any conditions, with or without a conning tower. The destroyers were tearing around in circles, trying to find if he had gone to the bottom.

After that, Momsen said, the crew would have followed the skipper anywhere.



Pictures of the Control Apparatus of American Submarines Are Forbidden, but Here Are the Controls of a German U-Boat Surrendered to the U.S. after the Armistice

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### AUTO WITH EXPANDING BODY SERVES AS SALES ROOM

Automobiles, equipped with a commercial body that expands either by motor or hand power, are used by a western drug

MISTAKES IN PRINTING STAMPS
BENEFIT COLLECTORS

Errors in printing postage stamps often cost governments thousands of dollars, but they sometimes put small fortunes in



company as sample-display rooms for their salesmen. The sides of the body move out and the top up, leaving a space about five by nine by seven feet in dimensions, which serves the salesman when he arrives at his customer's store. Drawers and lockers are provided to carry more than 7,000 separate articles, saving the expense of transporting trunks and other luggage and of hiring special hotel quarters. The top and sides are actuated by a set of gears. The doors at the rear remain closed to prevent interference from spectators. Light is provided from electric lamps at night and, by day, through hinged windows extending the full length of the body between the roof and top of half-body sections. Besides the stock, there is room for two chairs and a desk.

to the hands of the stamp collectors who value the misprinted to kens for their rarity. A few months ago, Great Britain issued a sheet of stamps which was so placed during the printing process that the glue was spread on the wrong

side. An American dealer obtained possession of a few of the stamps, the others were destroyed. The few that were saved now are commanding a high price. Another mistake that benefited the collectors occurred in connection with the changes in postal rates in this country. Dies were sent to the various post offices for restamping old one-cent envelopes to one and one-half cents, in accordance with the revised tariffs. By error, about 100 two-cent envelopes received the surcharge stamp. These are now being eagerly sought by collectors and are said to command a high figure at auctions.

(Within a minute after garlic is eaten by a cow, the flavor can be detected in the milk, an authority states.

### NINE HUNDRED RADIO STATIONS BUILT IN FOUR YEARS

Evidence of the impressive growth of radio is seen in a recent census showing that there are 922 broadcasting stations

throughout the world. Of the total, 566 are in the United States, the remaining 356 being scattered in different countries. Great Britain has twenty-one, of which the strongest is said to serve a population of 23,000,000 persons within the range of crystal sets alone; Germany has twenty stations; France has nineteen, Spain thirteen and Russia seven. Canadian stations number nearly 100. Australia is served by thirteen stations, India has only three, with two now under construction, South Africa has four, and there is one in the Canary islands. China's two stations are to be supplemented by four more. Although Japan has but three stations, thirty are to be erected by American contractors. Cuba has thirty - six broadcasting centers, most of them of low power; Mexico has

sixteen, seven of which are in Mexico City, and South America twenty-seven.

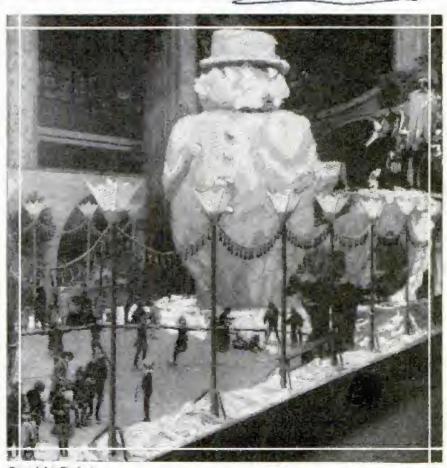
#### 3.00. VALVE GRINDER DRIVEN BY AIR MAKES WORK EASIER

Driven by compressed air, an automobile valve grinder has a speed control which perimts a range of from ten to 1,000 oscillations per minute. This allows work that rivals that of the slower hand processes and completes the valve from start to finish so that no

hand operations are necessary. grinder weighs only four pounds and is construction, is to be copied after a modso adapted to work on valve cages,

### ELECTRIC DUMMY SKATING RINK DRAWS CROWDS TO STORE & &

For exhibiting its winter stock of outing costumes and to reflect the holiday spirit, a large Berlin department store de-



Copyright, P. & A. Winter Scene inside Store; Imitation Skating Rink with Electric Dummy Figures That Move and Mock Snow Man

vised a realistic skating rink, peopled with. electric dummies, and featured by the mammoth figure of an imitation snow man guarding the scene. The lifelike models imitated the movements of real skaters and in the center, an electrically poperated merry-go-round whirled a line of boy and girl figures to suggest the favorite skating game of "cracking the whip." Furs, sports costumes and shoes, as well as skates and other equipment, were effectively shown by this method.

### THIRTY-PASSENGER AIRPLANE HAS RESTAURANT

With a carrying capacity of thirty passengers, a huge airplane added to the flying service between London and Paris is equipped with a restaurant. A steward is in attendance, and hot means are served The just as on a train. Another plane, under ern railway sleeping car.

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PYGMY MOTOR FOR AIRPLANES WEIGHS SIXTY-FOUR POUNDS

Capable of developing twenty horsepower at 2,000 revolutions per minute, a motor for small airplanes weighs only six-



Illustrating Light Weight of Motor for Small Airplanes; It Registers Sixty-Four Pounds

ty-four pounds complete with carburetor and magneto. It has been designed to meet the need for light, economical planes, which, some experts declare, are practical for passenger and swift transport service.

### QUAKE SAFETY IN HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS & 9

Steel-frame buildings, 200 feet high, are fer than similar structures only 100 feet

tall, according to Dr. Bailey Willis, professor emeritus of geology at Stanford University, who has made a study of damage caused by earth-quakes. The 100-foot building is just the right height, he says, to correspond with the earthquake's period of swing, and therefore receives the maximum amount of jerk when the tremor stops its movement in one direction and reverses. The mass of the building, acting as a pendulum swinging upside down, tries to continue its movement.

with resulting damage. A 200-foot building, on the other hand, does not coincide with the earthquake swing, and hence is practically immune. "There is almost no danger in the light-frame dwelling house," he says. "The most dangerous place is the outer edge of the sidewalk in the business district and the adjoining part of the street, where cornices and store fronts may come tumbling down. The safest places are in doorways and against walls."

COAL IS WASHED DOWN FLUME

In a mountainous district near Ngakawau, New Zealand, coal from the mines is mixed with water and floated down a winding flume more than five miles long, saving the expense and labor of electric trains and aerial carriers. The coal is given a rough sorting through screens as it passes from the storage bins into the trough, which is seventeen inches wide at the bottom, a foot high and lined with sheets of galvanized iron to give a smooth surface and prevent rust. The sheathing had to be bent by a special apparatus to fit the flume and is joined with galvanized bolts. Joints are separated by felt lining. At the delivery end, the contents of the flume are given an additional screening until only pieces of coal less than half an inch in diameter remain. These are extracted in a revolving screen which turns at the rate of 120 revolutions per minute. The water is then directed through a fine mesh which removes the dust. flume, in places, turns in "hairpin bends" and passes through tunnels. Great engineering skill was required in constructing it to assure a steady flow. The direct distance between the mines and the delivery



Winding Flume Constructed in New Zealand over Rough Country for Floating Coal from Mines to Shipping Point

point is only three and one-half miles, nearly two miles of flume being necessary to go around the hills. i con

Solving Silkworm Secrets

## He Raises Silkworms as a Hobby and Provides Schools and Colleges with Experimental Material as Well as Educational Exhibits

DEAN of American silkworm experimenters is an appropriate title for Mr. T. A. Keleher, an amateur enthusiast of Washington, who during a period of twenty-six years has been devoting all his spare time to the study and culture of silkworms.

The silkworm—if you know anything about the career of this creature in the United States—is the silk factory of a million promises which never paid dividends. The obstacle of costly hand labor has prevented the development of this industry in the various sections of the country where silkworms will prosper and where mulberry trees will grow like weeds.

Silkworm culture was attempted by the early colonials of Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia. Some of the finest silk ever sold in London came from the hand reels of the Georgian colonists. Connecticut, Long Island, Pennsylvania and New Jersey tried to master the new business in later years-and failed. In 1833, farmers in Windham county, Connecticut, produced and marketed four tons of cocoons. It was during a period when congress was investigating the possibilities of commercialized silk production. Thousands and thousands of acres of mulberry trees were set out. People who never had seen silkworms attempted to raise them. The craze gripped the countryside. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were expended in fruitless efforts

to develop our domestic silk-producing industry.

Frost came and destroyed plantations. Inexperience of the growers collected wholesale tribute. Failures were as numerous as the enthusiasts. Popular sentiment with empty pockets jeered and ridiculed the enterprise which it had formerly fostered. Silkworm culture became a

byword of folly.

Many attempts were made to revive the amateur and professional experimentation. A half century later, California, Utah, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia delved into silkworm research. The Mormons even went so far as to teach silkworm culture in their schools. They built and equipped factories. They tried to perfect mechanical fingers to perform the work of hand laborers. And naught came of this effort to solve the secrets of silkworm raising and profitable silk production.

Experts of the department of agriculture devoted a decade to search and research. Silkworms were raised by the thousand in Washington. French women—expert hand reelers—were hired to come to America and teach our people how to recover the silken strands from the diminutive cocoons. Every effort was made to establish silk production as a household industry. Congress aided the campaign with liberal appropriations. And finally, the project was abandoned

as impractical. Mr. Keleher was a messenger in the employ of the federal bureau of entomology when the government silkworm investigations were in progress. To young Keleher was delegated the task of feeding and caring for the silkworms. The youth became so interested in the miniature silk factories that he devoted his spare time to studying the worms and their life cycle. When Uncle Sam abandoned silk-culture research, Keleher purchased the worms, eggs, moths, cocoons and hand reels, removed them to his home, and from that day to this has devoted his

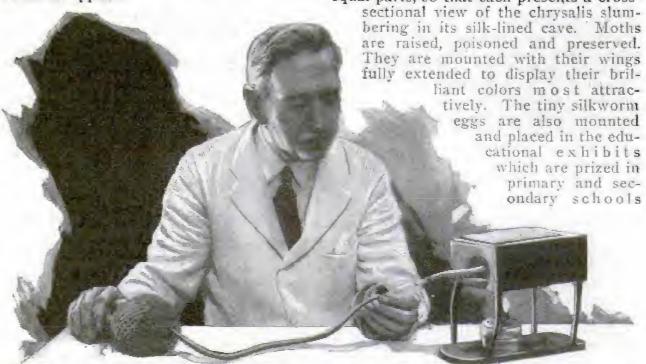
leisure to experimentation. In the course of time, he developed a market for the products of his hobby. He appreciated the impossibility of commercializing his silk-culture knowledge. However, he found that there was a demand among schools and colleges for silkworms, their eggs, moths and cocoons. School teachers, in particular, were always anxious to secure silkworm eggs so that they could use them for demonstrational purposes. The pupils were able to study the life cycle of the silkworm at first hand by means of such exhibits. The eggs would hatch into hungry worms, which, in about ten days, would grow to be three inches long. Then the worms would spin their cocoons, containing from 750 to 1,200 yards of silk. The chrysalis at the center of the cocoon would ultimately emerge in the form of a moth. Subsequently, the mother moth would deposit 400 eggs, tiny as pinheads, and would disappear.

In addition to providing the schools and colleges where mulberry leaves were available with silkworms, Mr. Keleher has also made a specialty of producing educational exhibits mounted in glass cases which tell the life history of the industrious silkworm. These exhibit cases have been sold in all sections of the country. Mr. Keleher has raised more than half a million silkworms from eggs during his spare hours and has assisted in the education of many thousand school children.

During the winter, this amateur keeps his supply of silkworm eggs in cold storage. About the first of May, he removes the little box of eggs to his home. You can appreciate that the container is small when you understand that 30,000 of the eggs weigh only one ounce. In about a week, they begin to hatch. The worms, as they emerge, are only one-eighth of an inch long. They feed voraciously on the mulberry leaves and shortly develop into mature worms.

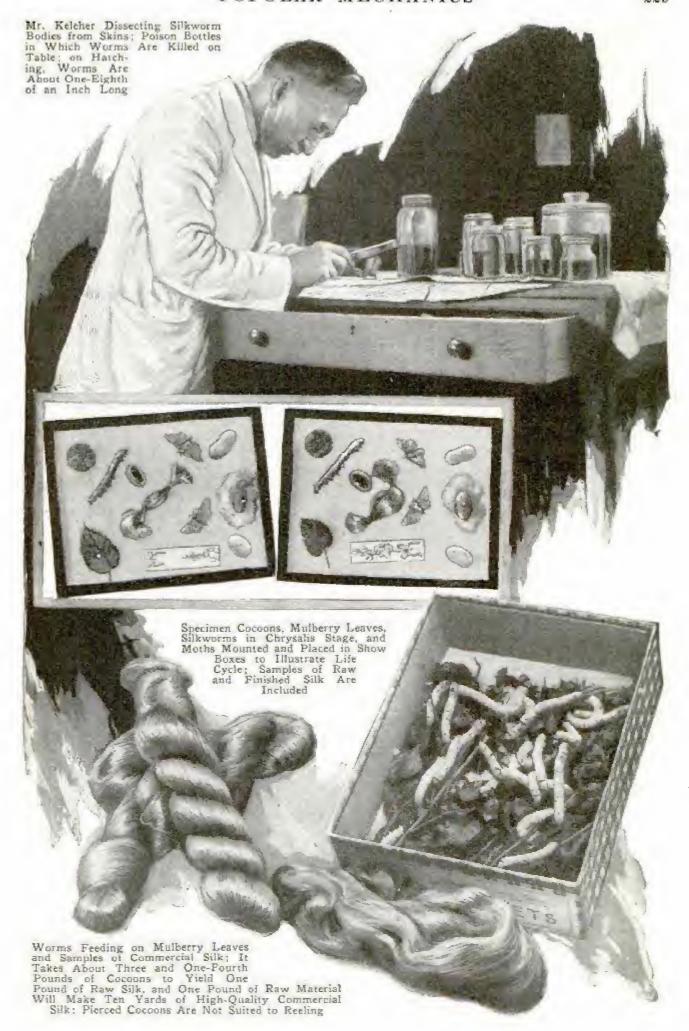
A certain proportion of the worms are killed by placing them in bottles containing poison. Their bodies are carefully cut away. The parchmentlike skin is preserved, dried in an oven and then inflated with a hand bulb to normal size. This inflated effigy of the silkworm is mounted in a glass-faced exhibition-case on a cotton field.

Specimens of cocoons and mulberry leaves are also preserved and mounted. Cocoons which contain the silkworms in the resting or chrysalis stage are cut into equal parts, so that each presents a cross-



Using Special Alcohol-Burner Oven for Drying Silkworm Skins, to Be Mounted for Exhibition and Educational Purposes; the Bulb Helps Inflate the Skins to Normal Size

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stroy the chrysalis within the cocoon,

where the commercial extraction of the

silk is contemplated, it is necessary to ex-

pose the cocoon for about two hours in

ence is now striving to solve the secret of how the silkworm converts mulberry leaves into silk. Artificial silk is made from spruce wood pulp and cotton linters. Washington, Ll. C.
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This raw material is fed into a mechanical wizard and the artificial silk of commerce is delivered at the opposite end of the machine. Believing that an automatic silkworm can be invented which will convert mulberry leaves in similar manner into silk, scientists are now experimenting with that end in view.

## ELECTRICITY FOR FINDING ORES

Claims made for the forked twig and the witching stick as a means of finding precious metals have not been substantiated by careful tests, and the bureau of mines discredits their use, turning to electrical instruments as a more effective aid to prospecting. The work is still in the experimental stage but, in the opinion of mining men, will be valuable in the preliminary searching for metallic ores. In one system, instruments record the difference in potential of electrostatic or dynamic waves, either induced or pre-existing in ore bodies. After the differences have been observed at several points near the supposed ore area, an electrical field is plotted, at the center of which the deposit should be found. A portable apparatus is useful for prospectors or geologists in discovering new oil or gas fields. It is arranged to detect vapors as they reach the surface, determining whether they are of a natural-gas composition or hold heavier petroleum substance. In answer to many queries, the bureau of mines states that it is impossible to give advice as to instruments to aid in locating buried treasure.

# BULLET-PROOF GASOLINE TANK TO PROTECT AVIATORS 4 0

Composed of two cylinders, one revolving inside of the other, a special gasoline tank for airplanes, tested at McCook field, did not leak after being struck by machine-gun bullets.

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It is said to be forty per cent lighter than other protected tanks of its kind, and is designed to be equipped with an automatic release so that it may be dropped from the plane in case of a crash, thus eliminating the danger of disastrous fires and explosions.

WRIST PAD FOR GOLF SCORE
WORN LIKE WATCH

The task of keeping the golf score is simplified by a pad and pencil outfit worn like a wrist watch and neatly inclosed in a



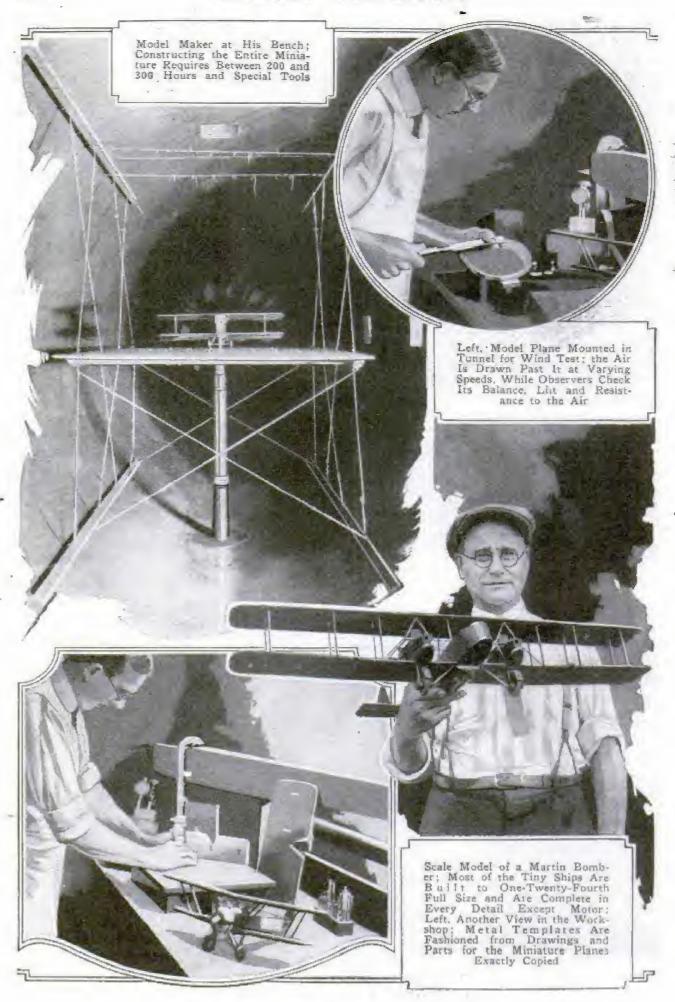
Marking Up the Golf Score on Handy Pad Carried like Wrist Watch and Inclosed in Leather

leather case which is held in place with straps. Space is provided for the score of two players. It does not interfere with the stroke, can be made to match the rest of the golfing equipment and is always in position for reference.

X-RAY IS USED TO DISCLOSE FAULTS IN STEEL Q

X-ray examinations of steel castings for big guns have disclosed hidden faults which might otherwise have escaped detection, with possibly fatal results when the piece was fired, it has just been revealed by the war department. In casting, metal bubbles sometimes form in the midst of the mass. Unless the cavities are reached in the turning and finishing processes they remain undiscovered. By applying X-ray examination, the govern-ment arsenal at Watertown has revealed hidden defects as large as two and a half inches in diameter. The special X-ray apparatus used in the work was perfected by the government, but is used for research and commercial work as well as in gun making. Steel equipment of a new high-pressure steam plant near Boston was tested at the arsenal to insure that no hidden defects would so weaken the. metal as to cause it to burst when highs pressure steam was admitted.

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A IRPLANE-MODEL making has long been a fascinating pastime for pertheir heavier-than-air machine. sons mechanically inclined. It has, in fact,

many clubs have been formed throughout the country, the members of which make and fly their models for sport.

taken such a hold on popular fancy that

There is another kind of model, too, besides the one made for flying. That is the scale model made by the aeronautical engineer for wind-tunnel tests. These are built to be tested for the purpose of determining air resistance, the behavior of the plane in the air and for obtaining other

similar data.

In days gone by, a man building an airplane first designed it on paper, then constructed a full-size model and tested it on a moving truck or in actual flight. Nowadays, the engineer simply makes a smallscale model of the plane, fastens it in a tunnel through which air is drawn simulating actual flying conditions, and puts the model through every test he could give it aloft. If any changes are to be made, they can be carried out in the model. When the model's performance in the wind tunnel has proved it satisfactory, the full-size plane is built. From, these tests the engineer can forecast very accurately the behavior of the airplane itself, before it ever leaves the ground. Thus thousands of dollars are saved. The Wright brothers were the first to use the wind tunnel for practical purposes. They made many models and tested them out

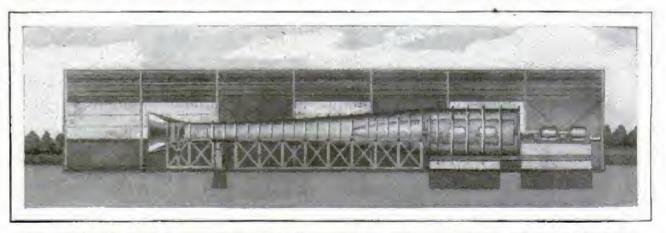
before they actually attempted to launch

At the engineering division of the United States army air service, McCook field, Dayton, Ohio, some of the best model makers in the world are daily at work preparing these miniature airplanes and parts for wind-tunnel tests. Experimental work at the field makes necessary the building and testing of hundreds of model machines and innumerable parts. These models are not made to fly. are fashioned out of solid blocks of mahogany and metal, and in shape only do they resemble the full-size plane. In testing, they are held stationary in the tunnel while the air is drawn past them.

Visiting the model builder at his bench, a good idea may be gained as to how he goes about his interesting work. First, he gets an accurate drawing of the airplane with each part reduced, say to onetwenty-fourth of the full size. If the wing is twenty-four feet long, the drawing will show the model wing one foot in length. All other dimensions will be given accordingly, for building a one-twentyfourth-scale model. From these drawings the model builder makes metal templates. Suppose he wants to make a wing. For this he uses a piece of aluminum alloy, cutting and filing it until it has a curvature on one edge that is an exact reproduction of the curve of the wing, or airfoil. The visitor will then see him plane a piece of mahogany down to the approx-

imate shape of the airfoil, and with scraper and file work the curvature of the

server to tell the lift and resistance down to one ten-thousandth of a pound of pres-



Cross Section of Wind Tunnel; at Right End, Motors That Drive Fans for Producing Artificial Breezes to Test Model Airplanes as Patterns for Real Ones

wood surface down to exact correspond-

ence with the template's.

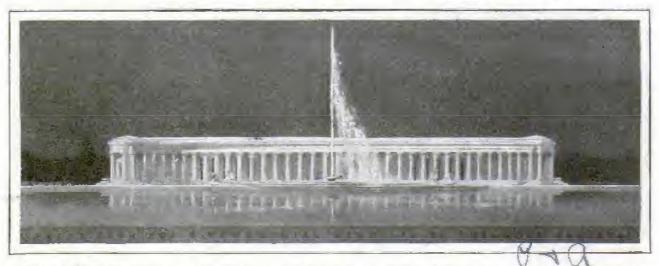
A special instrument, called the airfoil check gauge, has been devised for comparing the curvatures of the template and the airfoil with that given in the design. It checks the thickness of the wing to the thousandth of an inch. Together with the vernier height gauge and the micrometer, it enables the workman to do accurate model building. If the visitor pulls a hair out of his head, the model maker will p measure its thickness. A hair is about two one-thousandths of an inch thick. By milling, scraping and filing, the model maker gets his piece of mahogany down to the exact size, allowing three to sixthousandths of an inch variation in wooden models. Metal models are checked to the thousandth of an inch.

Models built at McCook field have movable parts so that they may be adjusted in the wind tunnel to test their behavior in the air stream. Delicate balances in connection with the tunnel enable the ob-

The McCook field wind tunnel is ninety-six feet long and has a testing throat eighteen feet in length and five feet in diameter. Here the models can be exposed to air streams of ten to 300 miles' velocity per hour.

### MEMORIAL TO ROOSEVELT FEATURED BY FOUNTAIN

One of the designs submitted for the proposed memorial to Theodore Roosevelt in Washington, D. C., is distinguished by an electrically operated fountain which will project a shaft of water 200 feet high. From its base, symbolical ships point to the four points of the compass. structure itself is of classical design, and is to be made of white granite. The proposed site is on the tidal basin on the line of Sixteenth street, projected southward from the White House. Two curving colonnades, each 670 feet long and sixty feet high, form a background to the fountain. They are intended to be set to east and



Drawing of Proposed Memorial to Roosevelt in Washington; the Central Fountain Will Throw Water 200 Feet High and Is Intended to Symbolize the Great American's Tireless Energy

west so that there will be no obstruction to the eye looking southward from the White House into Virginia. The style of architecture was chosen to harmonize with that of other structures in the capital. Water for the fountain will be taken from the Potomac river, which enters the basin, so that the supply will be independent of the city system.

### VALUE OF HORSES MEASURED BY PULL ?

Dynamometers, used for many years to measure the "horsepower" of gasoline, steam and electric engines, have been applied successfully to the measurement of the pulling power developed by live horses. As a result of the tests, new facts about the training and improvement of horses have been learned.

according to officials of the Horse Association of America. Public pulling contests, in which the power of the horses was measured mechanically, have been held recently in five states. More than a quarter of a million farmers attended seventy-eight of the measuring contests. The idea that the horse has outlived its day is refuted by the association members, who insist that for some kinds of work the animal remains more economical than the motor truck. Congested traffic conditions, requiring frequent delays with motors running, and long waits at railroad sidings or piers, have run the cost of motor-truck operation up to the point where superior speed is more than offset by flie

excess expense. Well - built and strong - muscled horses, weighing from 1,550 to 1,700 pounds, are in demand for city cartage, and there is an actual shortage of One of the leaders in the asso-

ciation says that small farms must always be worked by horses or else abandoned.

Leather of Belt Cut Away to Expose Spring Which Allows Buckle to Extend



Modern Building Skill Enlisted to Preserve the Ancient Sphinx; Scaffolds Erected on Monument to Support Repair Men

### BEAUTY DOCTORS TREAT-SPHINX TO REPAIR TIME'S DAMAGE

To preserve the great Sphinx of Gizeh from further ravages of time, the Egyptian government has directed its department of antiquities to repair the monument. Scaffolding was erected and the huge stone face was carefully inspected and patched to prevent further wear.

### BELT WITH CONCEALED SPRING INCREASES COMFORT 88

With a yielding spring hidden under the leather, a belt for men adjusts itself to motions of the body, prevents cramping

and insures a better fit of the trousers. A sliding bar, to which the buckle is attached, is held against a spring that becomes compressed with extension of the bar and resumes its normal position when the tension

ceases. The belt is specially suited to ace

such as bowling or tennys

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### CLAMP FOR HOLDING BOARDS SERVES AS BENCH

Adjustable to many angles, a clamp to hold boards for planing, sawing or shaving, serves practically all the purposes of





Illustrating How the Clamp Serves as Bench, and the Different Positions to Which It Is Adjusted

a carpenter's bench and permits full use of both hands. It can be attached almost anywhere and has an arm for bracing against a post or wall. The accessory is of special aid in making quick repairs on furniture or other articles.

### BIRDS TAUGHT EVE TO SEW IS VIEW OF SURGEON

Adam and Eve learned the rudiments of the art of sewing from watching birds building their nests, in the opinion of Sir John Bland Sutton, British surgeon and scientist. According to Sir John, surgeons have been searching for many years for an ideal substance for stitching material to close wounds. Birds, plants, insects and other animals have been studied in the search for new In India, Brazil ideas. and Asia Minor ants have been used since remote antiquity to close The wounds, he adds. edges of the wound are

brought together and the ant, held, by forceps, applied. The ant opens its mandibles and grasps the edges, holding them tightly, and the body is then clipped off, leaving the mandibles in place.

### THERMOMETER AIDS IN FISHING FOR COD AND HADDOCK

The whims of fisherman's luck have been reduced so far as cod and haddock are concerned by using the thermometer to test the temperature of the water and thus find places where the fish are most likely to be caught. By a thorough survey of the waters of the narrow channel which separates Labrador from Newfoundland. scientists found that the strait serves as a gigantic mixing machine for producing layers of tepid water. Here the codfish were discovered, for they are sensitive as to the temperatures, avoiding extremes in hot and cold. The observers patrolled more than 100 miles of the area, using specially constructed boats and taking frequent readings to chart the course of the currents. The cod were thickest in great pools of water at forty to fifty degrees at the two ends of the channel Bulletin

### GROW STRAWBERRIES IN BOXES

Strawberry growers in Florida are able to produce large crops from small areas by raising the plants in boxes, one tier above the other. The leaves are exposed through holes in the sides of the beds. Each box has space for sixty vines and the task of picking the berries is simplified as they are within easy reach.



Growing Strawberry Vines in "Skyscraper" Garden in Florida; Each Box Has Room for Sixty Vines, Saving Much Ground Space

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Camera Ends Drudgery in Keeping Records

### Machine, Photographing Direct on Paper, Turns Out 640-Page Volume Every Three Hours at Immense Saving

DOING the work of thirty-five to forty stenographers and a dozen or more proofreaders, a wonder camera being installed in county offices throughout the country is saving the salaries of vast numbers of stenographers and "comparers" or proofreaders, expediting business by ending long delays in the writing of public records, and incidentally saving thousands of dollars for the taxpayers.

Capable of completing a 640-page record book every three hours, with photographs of documents on both sides of each page, the latest type of machine in one county completes five such books every two days, at a saving of several hundred dollars.

No films or plates are used in the photostat process, the pictures being taken direct on sensitized paper, and the resulting photograph is a negative with the black writing of the original document appearing in white, and the white paper black. When an attorney or other person calls

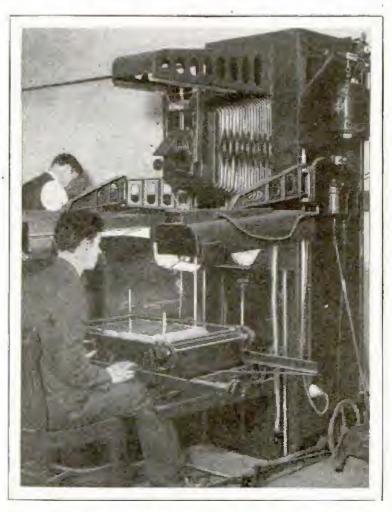
for a copy of a document from the record files. however, the book is placed under the camera lights and another picture takèn, a nega-tive of the book negative, or in other. words a positive picture, just like the original, with black writing on a white background.

The advantage of the photostat process, aside from speed and saving of money, lies in the elimination of all chance for typographical errors or omissions in copying, and the preservation of facsimiles of all signatures.

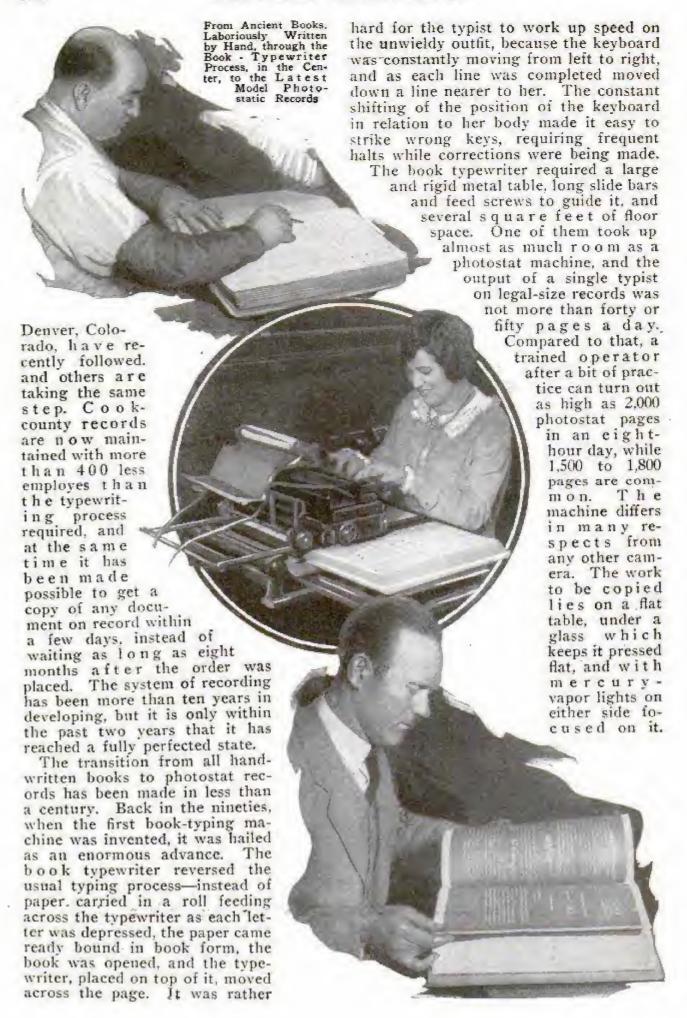
The machine is a highly specialized apparatus developed for the one purpose, and a single unit, with its mercury-vapor lights and other equipment and an attached dark room for developing the prints, costs a couple of thousand dollars.

Special paper, coated with photographic emulsion on both sides of a high-grade linen bond, is used. The paper comes in rolls 350 feet long, which are placed on a giant spool just as films are put in a camera. The operator inserts a paper to be copied under the lights, presses a foot lever which opens and closes the lens, then removes the copied paper and substitute the next one, at the same time pressing another lever with the other The second pressure revolves the spool and paper holder and brings the paper into position for exposing the reversed side, the movement taking place while the operator is placing the next sheet in the copyholder. Then the process is re-

peated, the copy made, and the paper holder revolved again, but this time the strip is automatically fed down from the holder, the exposed sheet cut off, and dropped through a chute into the dark room, where the developer completes the process. Cook county, Illinois, several years ago pio-neered in adopting the photographic process for county rec-Wayne ords. county, Michigan, including the city of Detroit. Kenosha county, Wisconsin, and



Copying from the Black Pages of a Photostatic Record Book, a Process Which Produces a Picture in Black on White



The camera lens is directly above, but as the camera is horizontal it is necessary for the light to turn a right angle to enter the lens, the turn being accomplished by a reflecting prism at an angle of forty-

five degrees.

As a camera lens reverses the image it sees, turning it not only upside down but from left to right, a picture taken direct on sensitive paper, as in the photostat, could only be read by holding it in front of a mirror, unless something was done to correct the reversal of the light rays. A compound refraction is necessary to unscramble the mix-up of light rays

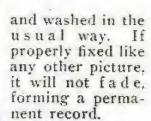
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after they pass through the lens. and this is accomplished by a specially designed prism.

After the picture is

exposed, the paper wound down and automatically cut off, the strip drops through a door into the dark room and is developed, fixed

Operator Developing Double - Sided Pic-tures, Top; Placing Document to Be Copied beneath the Lens, Center; and Adjusting Roll of Photographic Paper in Machine



Where this system is used in public - record offices, papers are received, dated, stamped and indexed in the usual manner, but, while formerly they were turned over to the folio writers for copying, they are

sent to the photographic department in-Here the original documents are stamped with book and page numbers. Thus copy and original always bear the same numbers and there can be no mis-Furthermore, by the preservation of the individuality and identity of the original instrument, the register of deeds is relieved of the responsibility attendant upon copying of illegible handwriting, and only one or two series of books are needed.

### COURSE OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS NOW SPANNED BY PHONES

Telephone wires now stretch across the Sinai desert over which Moses and Aaron led the Children of Israel. Long-distance service is available between Egypt and Palestine so that persons in the principal cities of the Holy Land, Jerusalem and Haifa, can talk to Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said in the land of the Pharaohs.

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### ELECTRIC FINGER-NAIL BUFFER LIN GIVES HIGH POLISH

Run by electricity from the lighting circuit, a rotary finger-nail buffer saves time



Electric Finger-Nail Buffer in Action; Pressure against Cloth Produces High Polish

in making the toilet and gives any degree of polish desired. Special pads fit on top of the revolving shaft and slight pressure of the nail against them is sufficient. The polisher requires but little current and occupies small space when not in use.

### TUNNEL MILES THROUGH ROCK TO DIVERT RIVER

Engineers have started the task of drilling a tunnel, 19,400 feet long, through solid granite near Fresno, Calif., to lead King's river through a mountain and then let it out 2,470 feet above the level of the present stream bed. The drop, down a penstock 4,760 feet long, will turn waterwheel turbines in a large plant that will whave a capacity of 160,000 horsepower. The completed tunnel will supply 720 cubic feet of water a second from a diversion dam sixty feet high and 220 feet long. The penstock is to be sixty inches in diameter at the inlet, gradually decreasing to forty-four inches at the outlet. Water will leave the opening at a velocity of 360 feet a second and will develop 20,000 horsepower in each wheel.

penstock is to be held to the side of the mountain with huge concrete blocks, the largest weighing 1,650,000 pounds. Men and supplies are carried to the scene of the construction on an inclined electric railway. Future installations are planned which will increase the amount of electricity developed at the plant to 500,000 horsepower.

## 8-4 THE "WORLD'S BIGGEST"

While the Eiffel tower in Paris is the highest structure in the world, topping the cross on St. Paul's cathedral, London. by 580 feet, the distinction of being the world's tallest building still belongs to the Woolworth building, which is 792 feet above the pavement and 120 feet below it. In bulk, however, it is surpassed by the Equitable building in New York, which has 1,000 offices on its forty floors, providing accommodations for 15,000 persons. The Statue of Liberty is not the largest monument in the world as is often supposed, for the Sphinx in Egypt surpasses it, being 189 feet long with a face fourteen feet wide. The largest telescope in the world is at Mount Wilson observatory in California, and there are four and one-half tons of glass in the mirror. Ten years were required to grind and polish it.

### PUSH COCK FOR AUTO RADIATOR 2 / SIMPLIFIES DRAINING

A push cock, to replace the petcock used to drain automobile radiators or crankcases, fits the standard threads on several makes of cars, yet will drain a radiator in one-fourth the time, due to a larger opening. The device consists of only two parts, a tube threaded at one end

to screw in place of the petcock, and a scaling plug, tapered to seat tightly in the barrel. To onen the cock.

open the cock, a small brass ring depending below the barrel is pushed up-ward, unseating the plug. Unlike petcocks, which frequently require pliers to twist the m loose from accu-



mulated rust and dirt, the plug is easily opened, and can be pushed up with a stick without the necessity of stooping or crawling under the car.

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### PHONE REPLACES TELEGRAPH KEY ON RAILWAYS

The tick of the telegraph is being supplanted by the telephone buzzer or. bell in transmitting train orders, recent reports disclose, more than fifty-four per cent of the railroad mileage of the country being directed by voice over the wires instead of by key and sounder. Greater certainty and flexibility are claimed for the telephone since it has the advantage of person-to-person contact between headquarters and station operators and does no require special skill. On some lines, the telegraph is now used only for sending certain routine dispatches.

Cutting the Cake and a Few of the Interested Spectators

### RADIO MEN RISK THEIR LIVES TO BROADCAST CHIMES

Radio fans, seated comfortably at their homes and listening to the mellow music of chimes broadcast from churches, perhaps do not realize that in some cases, nerve and skill are required in placing the microphones on lofty steeples where the

sounds of the bells will be received most favorably. This is true of the Park Avenue Baptist church in New York City,

where melodies from the fiftythree - bell carillon are picked up on carefully adjusted microphones and broadcast by station WJZ. The radio men had to climb on narrow girders and over pinnacles of stone to set and connect the instruments to the station. One of the problems of the task is to find the place best suited to catching tones from the various bells without obscuring any of them or drowning out the smaller ones.

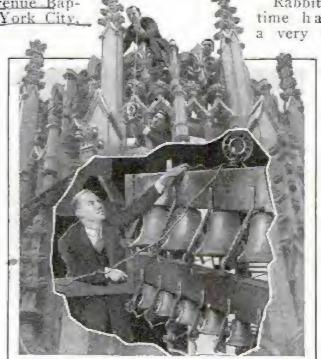
### THREE-HUNDRED-POUND CAKE BAKED FOR CHILDREN Containing seven boxes of apples, 180

pounds of dough, fifty pounds of sugar and ten pounds of butter, a huge cake was baked for the children in a western nursery recently. It was forty-three inches long, two feet wide and eight inches thick. There was more than enough to go around.

### RABBIT PEST IN NEW ZEALAND YIELDS PROFIT IN FUR

Rabbits, which for a long time have been considered a very destructive pest in

> New Zealand because of their inroads on growing crops, have become a source of profit. Their fur, properly dyed, has proved to be a desirable substitute for the more expensive varieties. Last year, 18,500,-000 rabbit skins valued at more than \$4,000,000 were exported from that country to the United States and to England. Trapping the animals has become a paying business. opossum is also



Climbing the Steeple, and Inset Showing Microphone Ready to Pick Up Carillon Music

sought for its skin.

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### RADIO SET TUNES BY KEYBOARD WITHOUT USE OF DIALS

Pushing buttons-on a small keyboard tunes a radio receiving set to various sta-



Demonstrating Remote-Control Radio Receiver Which Is Tuned by Pushing Buttons on Separate Panel

tions, no dials or knobs being employed. With this arrangement, the control could be placed in one room and the set in another or the user could manipulate the keyboard without leaving his chair,

### TROUBLE FINDER FOR AUTOS LOCATES KNOCKS Q 2

Without tearing down the motor, leaks in cylinders and knocks arising from worn wristpins, pistons or bearings can be located quickly by using a patented trouble finder now on the market. It consists mainly of a short length of hose with a pressure gauge in the center and a plug connection which is screwed into the cylinder in place of the spark plug. In making a test for compression, for instance, air is applied, after the piston has been locked on half stroke, up to fifty or sixty pounds' pressure. If the cylinder is leaky, the rapid falling of the needle in the air ? gauge will indicate it when the supply is cut off. The exact location of the leak 3 can then be found by removing exhaustand intake manifolds and the cap from the oil-filling vent. Leaky valves will be indicated by an escape of air through the valve ports. If the trouble lies in defective pistons or rings, air will be driven into the crankcase, where it can be detected at the oil-filling vent. To locate knocks, a valve cap is placed on the upper open-

ing of the tester plug and a pump connected to the other opening. While operating the pump slowly and listening carefully, a loose wristpin, piston or connecting rod in the cylinder can be located.

### BEES SENT SOUTH FOR WINTER FOR TWO CROPS OF HONEY

To/induce his bees to gather two crops of honey annually instead of one, a British/Columbia man has sent several hives to New Zealand for the winter. Their arrival was timed to coincide with the beginning of summer in the southern hemisphere, and after their voyage almost the entire length of the Pacific ocean, the bees were expected to emerge from their hives for the blossoming fields of their new home. Thirty pounds of workers and ten queens were included in the shipment.

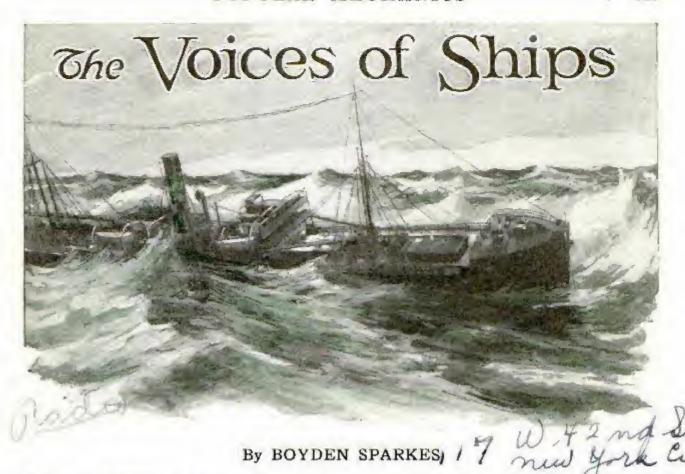
### ARMORED CAGE ON MAIL TRUCK PROTECTS THE DRIVER

Not content with merely protecting the mails, the postal authorities have designed an armored truck to guard the driver The chauffeur sits from bandit attacks. in a cabin with heavy doors on each side, a windshield of bullet-proof glass, and protection behind. The entire truck is ar-Small openings in . mored throughout. the doors permit the driver to give arm



Door of Armored Mail Truck Open Showing Porthole; Windshields Are of Bullet-Proof Glass

signals. Vehicles of this type are to be placed in service in several large cities according to present plans.



HIGH adventure is the lot of the young men who go to sea as wireless-operators. Only a small part of their compensation is tucked into their pay envelopes. Their best reward comes in the shape of thrills in a world they know to be as wild and unruly as when Kidd and Morgan sailed the Spanish Main.

In every rescue at sea, in every revolution on shore, in every mutiny, in every exploration about the icy poles, at least one of them is a participant, and those who are not are listening constantly to the electric whispers that tell of these ex-

citing occurrences.

Consider the story of the "Ignazio Florio," an Italian freighter; the "Elven." a 6,500-ton freighter with a crew of thirty-two hardy Norsemen, and the "President Harding," one of the biggest American liners. October gales were sweeping over the steamer routes. Huge liners were limping into port a day or, two days late, with lifeboats and superstructure smashed, passengers injured and veteran skippers proclaiming the gale the worst in their experience.

Out in mid-Atlantic, the "President Harding" was battling westward at reduced speed, shipping seas mountain-high. In the radio shack the operator was going through the usual routine, when out of the ether came a message filled with possible tragedy:

handed the slip of paper to Capt. Paul C. Grening. "Rec'd 12:45," he automatically noted on the blank, and turned to his chart. In four minutes he had located the position of the disabled ship, spun the · huge liner around on the new course and written a message to the injured freighter, which later proved to be the "Ignazio Florio." Within five minutes the air was full of messages. Ships for hundreds of miles around had picked up the SOS and were replying. The Norwegian tramp steamer "Elven," barely making two knots against the storm, sent back a cheery message that she was on her way. The "Lorain," "Portland Marn," "Ivergoil" and "Cadore," as well as the "President Harding" responded, but when the exchange of positions disclosed that the American liner and the little Norse freighter were nearest and could reach the scene first. the others decided to hold on to their original courses.

"SOS...SOS Lat 49:55N. Long 38:16

A messenger dashed to the bridge and

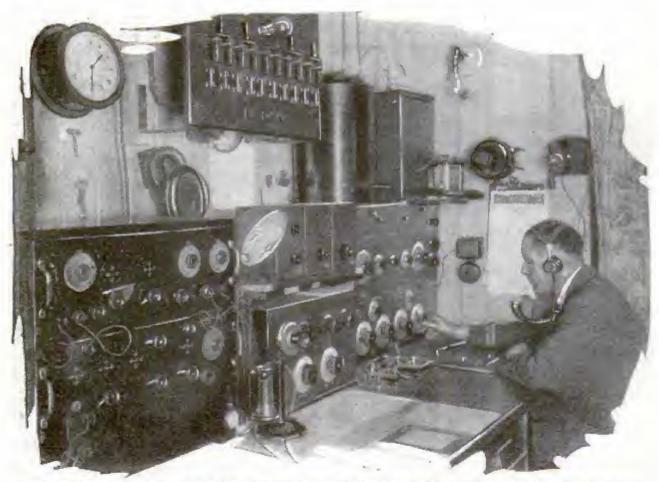
BROKEN STEERING ENGINE.

Through the afternoon and night the fight against the gale continued. At 10:00 p.m., the master of the fast sinking ship wirelessed the "Harding," which was mak-

ing the fastest progress:

"We trust only in you, as we cannot remain a long time on ship. All lifeboats are broken. SOS. Master."





Wireless Room on the "America," One of the Liners on the New York-Bremen Run; the Operators Are Connected with the Bridge and Other Parts of the Ship by Telephone Service

As dawn broke through the murky clouds the "Harding's" men scanned the seas, but saw no trace of the "Florio." Capt. Grening wirelessed to ask if there were any signal rockets aboard. Five min-. utes later "Sparks" in his radio shack picked up the reply: "We are firing rockets now. Do you see us?"

Then happened one of the strangest events in the history of the sea. Two minutes after that message, the "Florio" broke in again with, "A ship is passing us now. Is that you? He does not stop."

In that report is the whole incident. The "Florio" was so close she could see the passing ship, yet the stranger went on, unheeding the flaring rockets and disappeared in the mist. Probably no one will ever know what ship it was. The "Florio" and "Harding" both tried to raise the wireless operator of the stranger, but neither got an answer.

At 2:00 p.m., more than twenty-four hours after the first SOS, the liner sighted the ship-and then the radio went dead. The seas were getting higher, and for three hours both operators clicked vainly away without an answer, while the "Harding" maneuvered to get a lifeboat over the side and attempt to float the empty craft down to the disabled ship, at the end of a line. The boat was smashed by a wave. Efforts to shoot lines aboard failed, and as the storm increased, the ships frequently became separated in the fastgrowing darkness.

Just at five o'clock, radio communication was restored with a despairing cry from the "Florio": "Are you abandoning us? We are ready to come to you."

"We are standing by. Do not worry. Courage," flashed back through the air. Another lifeboat was launched and the Italian crew advised to stand ready to jump aboard as it drifted by, but the answer came back, "Boat is always too far awav."

"Do not worry," the air carried back from Capt. Grening. "We will not leave you. Will you please put lights on your mast that we may be able to see you during the night. We will stay with you until the weather gets more moderate."

At dawn the wind dropped and the seas The volunteer rescuers sprang into the lifeboat-so many that two had to be sent back because they were not needed, As they pulled away, the operator on the "Florio" wirelessed: "I am leaving my post for a few minutes to get my life



Then there came a thunder caused by the frantic lowering of bullet-proof shutters on the shop windows, as the sadly experienced merchants transformed their buildings into timid fortresses. Manzanillo was indulging in the enthusiasm of rebellion. It had come as quickly as one of the tropical rains.

Aboard the steamship "Coahuila" there was a finy oasis of neutrality in the wireless shack. The apparatus there was American-owned. Its inhabitant, the only man in the ship's company who knew how to employ its magic, was de Velez.

The ship was tied up near the cavernous warehouses of the port. De Velez, standing in the doorway of the shack on the after part of the ship, observed the captain, Lopez Fuentes, striding along the deck toward the stern, where the red, green and white flag was fluttering in the sticky breeze.

Capt. Fuentes took hold of the halyards of that emblem, shook them free of the cleat and hauled down the flag. He had turned rebel and was "taking" his ship. Having lowered the flag, he promptly raised it. It was an act like that bold signature John Hancock sprawled across the Declaration of Independence.

The wireless operator adjusted his headphones and sent out a call to San Francisco for instructions. In a surprisingly short time he got them. They were curtly definite:

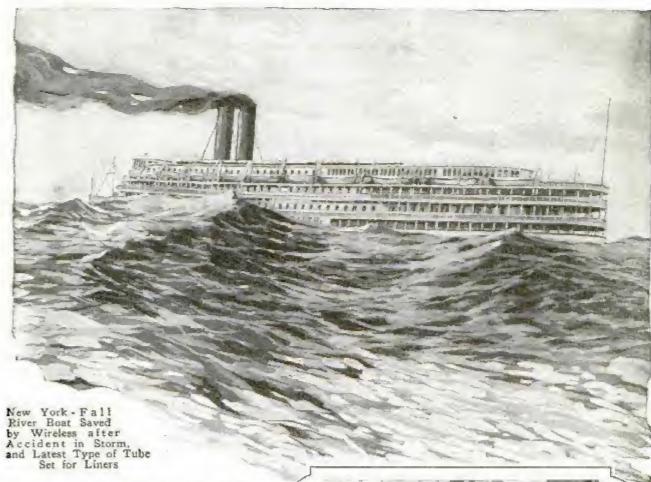
"Stand by your ship as long as possible."
Manzanillo was then entirely cut off from the rest of the world except for the skill in the hand and brain of that young American wireless operator. The captain ordered him not to accept any messages unless they were O.K.'d by him, but when the American consul who had important messages dealing with the safety of Americans in the interior, came aboard, de Velez remembered that he was first of all an American; and so, without consulting the captain, he sent some messages to the state department at Washington.

American refugees were beginning to pour into the town. The consul, through de Velez, sent out a call over the Pacific for ships to take these people out of the danger zone. They got three Pacific-mail passenger ships and one army transport. Later de Velez was informed by the operator of a mail steamer just leaving Mazatlan, far up the coast, that the federal gunboat "Progreso" was getting under way and had instructions to attack Manzanillo. De Velez hurried with this information to Capt. Fuentes, who took his ship to sea without even waiting to gather up half of his crew that was scattered about the town.

De Velez later received a message from the American consul for transmission to the American warship "Milwaukee." The Americans congregated in Manzanillo were fearful of coming events. Then the



The Wireless "Shack" of an English Boat; the Sea-Going Operators Have Comfortable and Roomy Quarters and Their Apparatus Usually Is of the Best Make Obtainable



operator aboard the "Progreso," which Fuentes had captured, ordered de Velez to stop sending. He kept on. A boat came alongside with another similar order. He continued to send. Then there came a peremptory message from Fuentes, who had been made an admiral. An officer came to the radio shack.

"Senor-"

De Velez sent three more words. He had finished. Then he turned around on his swivel seat.

"I shall send no more, Commandante." Even as he spoke, into his ear was pouring a message from the "Milwaukee." She was changing her course and was steaming for Manzanillo.

After that de Velez was made to dismantle his wireless and take it ashore. He went cheerfully enough, for he had stood by the ship "as long as possible."

Three weeks later the rebels were driven out of Coahuila and "Admiral" Fuentes, de Velez' old commander, was place'd against a wall and shot.



The variety of vital services performed every day by these wireless operators makes one marvel that maritime commerce ever was carried on without them. There is the matter of the weather.

The "Santa Luisa" is on a passenger run between New York and the west coast of South America. Last year, as she sailed from Cristobal, storm warnings were flying on shore. A West Indian hurricane was forming in the eastern Caribbean.

"The most critical time." wrote Capt. Dexter of the "Santa Luisa" afterward, "was at midnight of August 21. At that time we were off Watling Island, and the weather bureau and ships near the storm

were sending out messages which our operators picked up, enabling us to steer clear of the dangerous storm center, at that hour dead ahead, 250 miles distant."

That letter, addressed to the Radio Corporation of

America, closed with praise for the skillful work of the operators, John F. Thatcher and William Aseltine. But for them the "Santa Luisa" might have lost in her game of hide and seek with

that ship-destroying wind storm,

Kaichiro Yonemura is no longer a seagoing operator but he clings fast to that tradition which rules that "Sparks," along with the captain, must "stand by the ship." When the earthquake was killing thousands and thousands of countrymen, including some of his own kinfolk and friends, Yonemura kept at his key at the Iwaki radio station at Tomioka. At that time he was the only link between Japan and the rest of the world, and every word that was printed in newspapers during the first few days after the disaster came through the brain of Yonemura; and at sea his fellow key pounders listened through the long watches of the night for the story of that cataclysm which was whispered over the Pacific.

When the navy airplane squadrons go winging out of sight of land some memer of the clan of "Sparks" rides in the fuselage of each flying ship. You may be sure, too, that there is one aboard every submarine when it dives to the bottom of

the ocean. Moreover, when you read of a ship sinking, if there are two men who go to the bottom with her, certainly one of them is the wireless operator.

There is a monument to these heroes of the radio shacks on the Battery in New York. Three sides of the monument are filled with the names of operators who have perished at their posts of duty. Jack Phillips, who went down with the "Titanic," was one of these, but there are others who met death in the waters of the Great Lakes, in the Caribbean, in the Black Sea, the Atlantic, the Pacific.

Sometimes at night, when a blanket of silence sweeps from the air the musical programs, the speaking and other audible

entertainments of the
radio, it is because from
somewhere
out at sea a
wireless operator has flashed
that tragic cry
of a ship in
distress — SOS.

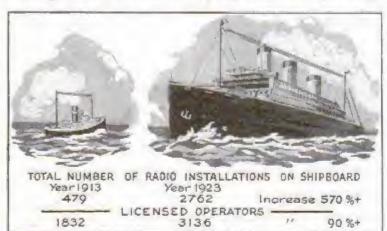
A woman who called a New York station during one of these si-

of these silences recently demanded to know why the program had been stopped. The situation was explained to her.

"I certainly am sorry," she exclaimed with real contrition, "If I had known it was because a ship was in trouble, I'd never have complained, but if there is anything I can do to help—just let me know."

Adventure would be a saltless thing if it never was flavored with romance. Those who are assigned to the big passenger vessels, the transatlantic steamers such as the "Leviathan," have opportunities to meet and get acquainted with the finest people of two worlds, and when off watch they may pace the deck on moonlit nights with any lonesome beauties that happen to be aboard.

Their pay is not excessive. It ranges from \$90 to \$130 a month for most of them. A few aristocrats on the biggest boats get as much as \$250. They have no expenses for food or shelter. Many of those who go to sea in radio shacks have no other purpose than the saving of money for the satisfaction of some ambition ashore. All of them have abundant leisure for study. Some of the present-day skippers a few years ago were wireless operators.





Where Stone and Steel Support the "Sky"; Interior of a Detroit Theater in Which the Ceiling Represents the Heavens and Settings Are Those of an Outdoor Garden

### THEATER LIKE ITALIAN GARDEN HAS "SKY" INSIDE &

Patrons of a Detroit, Mich., motionpicture theater can easily forget that they are inside a building for the decorations are modeled after those of an outdoor Italian garden, and the effect is increased by the ceiling. This is arranged to imitate the sky, across which realistic clouds

drift at times, stars appear and twinkle and changing lights produce elusive color effects designed to harmonize with the theater's decorations.

#### PAINT IS DRY IN HALF HOUR

Wet - paint sights are not necessary after applying a finish for floors and almost any kind of woodwork, the manufacturers assert. for it is said to dry in less than half an hour. It produces a lustrous surface, Tesists alkalies and acids, withstands se-

vere scrubbing and is reported to be easily brushed on even by a novice at painting. The substance is also suited to coating concrete floors or stairways.

### WALL'S MOTION WHEN PUSHED MEASURED BY LIGHT RAYS

Pushing a forty-inch brick wall with the hand to make it move sounds ridiculous,

but a sensitive instrument used at the bureau of standards is able to record any motion that occurs and in many cases, there is an apprecia able bending of the wall. The gauge is in contact with the bricks and is so adjusted that the slightest movement will actuate light beams in such a way that the amount of bending can be told by their displacement. The instruct ment, an interferometer, is employed in making exacting tests on the solidity of structures and materials.



Measuring How Much a Thick Brick Wall Moves

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### HAND TRUCK TO LIFT BUCKETS SAVES STRAIN ON BACK

Ash cans, garbage pails and similar containers are taken easily up or down stairs



Lifting Truck in Operation, Clamp Holds the Bucket in Place and Handle Gives Leverage

in a small two-wheeled truck that holds the object firmly and raises it as desired by means of a hand lever. The wheels are rubber-covered to prevent damage to steps and floors when the truck is rolled.

An extension leg at the bottom, helps in elevating the load.

COLONIES FOUND

Gravevards of old churches and many relics found by a Danish expedition in Greenland, afford traces of a Norse colony which is believed to have been settled about the year 1000 and which attained considerable size before the rigors of polar climate and lack of communication with Europe caused it The settleto die out. ment was a republic, had

twelve churches and was sufficiently important to have a bishop. It was planted following the voyages and discoveries of Eric the Red. Twenty-five vessels set out with emigrants, but only fourteen of the fleet reached the destination. When Leif Ericsson brought Christianity to the settlement, plans were made for establishing other colonies on the coast of what is now New England, and one is believed to have dwelt for three years near Boston. The colony became "lost," when intercourse with Europe ceased about 1400 A.D. About 175 years later, when Greenland was again visited, no traces of white men were found. Scientists now believe that the climate and not the Eskimos was responsible for the disappearance of the settlers, who once counted 10,000 souls.

### ELECTRIC COURSE FOR GIRLS TEACHES THEM REPAIRING

Knowledge likely to be useful to a housewife in repairing her own home and kitchen appliances is imparted to girls through an electrical course in the public schools of San Diego, Calif. They are taught how to fix the doorbell when it fails to ring, vacuum cleaners, electric irons and other implements. The causes of short circuits are explained and general information concerning the nature and uses of electricity given. Pupils in one of the classes are taught to make desk lamps. They fashion the pedestals on lathes, make? the shades and learn how to wire the fine ished lamp. The instructor of the class says he has no trouble teaching the girls and that they have proved apt pupils.



Girls Receiving Training to Help Them Do Their Own Repairing When Electric Flatirons and Bells Will Not Work

a Junior high school



# Breath-Taking Moments of Mad Sprints and Lap-Stealing Jams Hold Spectators through Days and Nights

A DOZEN cyclists are pedaling madly around a ten-lap-to-the-mile track in the closing lap of a two-mile sprint. As they dart out of the first steeply banked turn and level out in the straightaway down the back side, their dozen team mates, ready mounted, are given a shove by the dozen trainers and glide away at slow speed, waiting to "pick up" the first relay after it passes the finish line. Several thousand spectators are standing on their seats cheering the speeding racers. In a wild dash they come out of the second banked turn and flash down across the finish line.

Eleven slow up, expecting their team mates to pick up the race and carry on the next sprint. But the twelft, stealing a march, darts out of the flock at racing speed, and before the other eleven wake up, is halfway around the end turn. Simultaneously his team mate, riding hard and high up on the bank, pulls out of the second relay group and prepares to relieve the first.

A jam has started, destined to steal a lap, and the wildest moment in a six-day bicycle race opens with all riders on the track, to stay there until the lap is gained, or the attempt abandoned.

The mad moments of a cycling jam have kept bicycle racing alive years after the majority of the people have given up the sport. They bring out thousands in New York and Chicago every winter to sit through days and nights of the 144hour races, watching hour after hour of listless pedaling to await the few brief moments of sprinting or lap stealing.

Three times in each twenty-four hours, at 3:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and again at two o'clock in the morning, the waiting fans are treated to an hour of sprints, ten two-mile speed dashes. Lap-stealing jams may start any time, though the favorite moment is at the close of a series of sprints, when the relief man is already on the track, and there is a chance to dart out and steal a quarter of the lap before opponents are aware of the attempt.

The hold that six-day racing has on the cycling fan is a mystery, until you have seen a dozen riders lazily rolling around the track suddenly settle down into racing speed and flash past in a dizzy sprint. The average newcomer who sees that once will come back again and again. He will arrive early in the evening to get a good seat for the 9:30 sprints, and still be sitting there at 2:00 a.m. waiting for the early morning dashes.

The six-day races at Madison Square Garden, New York, or the Coliseum, at Chicago, are the high spots of bicycle racing in the United States, but around Newark, N. J., and in some of the smaller cities near the Mississippi, notably in Iowa, the sport of cycling is kept alive by



In Their Trackside Bunks, Half the Riders Rest and Sleep While Their Team Mates Carry On; Each Rider Must Average Twelve Hours off and Twelve Hours on the Oval Each Day

the outdoor summer races. Newark is the cycling center of the country. There are more professional bicycle racers in it and the near-by Jersey towns than in all the rest of the country.

The open-air races, in the board-track velodromes, matched against other riders or pedaling behind motorcycle pacemakers, keep the riders in training for the

144-hour grinds in winter.

With the virtual disappearance of the non-professional pedal sport after the advent of the automobile, professional racing has become a highly organized amusement. Special lightweight cycles and small high-pressure tires form the equipment, and the riders are trained as religiously as a championship fighter.

The rider who enters a six-day race comes equipped with two complete bicycles and an extra pair of wheels, and his team mate has the same. The management furnishes the tires, and a race with a dozen riders will require an average of six repairs or replacements of tires each hour during ordinary riding, and from fifteen to twenty per hour during the sprints and jams. A completely equipped repair shop, with from two to six repairmen on

duty all the time, is required to keep the

fleet of cycles going.

All the racing tires used in the United States are made by hand by one woman, Mrs. Ernest Pye, of Newark. Her husband invented them, and after his death, she has carried on the business under his patents. The tires are unlike any bicycle tire ever made for ordinary use. They carry 120 pounds' pressure, twice as much as the average old-time high-pressure automobile tire, yet there is no heavy casing of rubber and fabric.

Instead, a special cloth is woven by Mrs. Pye from selected thread, cut and sewed together to form a thin tube of single-thickness linen. An inner tube is cut from thin sheet rubber, cemented and inserted before the casing is closed. The tread comes in long strips of rubber, an inch and a quarter wide, and is cut off in sections equal to the circumference of a tire and cemented in place. Treads can be changed at will as they wear down, and the blow-outs, occurring frequently in such high-pressure tires, are easily patched.

The racing bicycles themselves are lightweight affairs of aluminum and steel, averaging about eighteen pounds completely equipped. The racers are permitted to use any gear ratio desired, but by common consent stick to 92 for the six-day races, because a rider can not pull a higher-geared cycle through the endless hours of the long grind, when more than 2,500 miles are covered.

It is a far cry from the first six-day race, run in 1891 on the old-style high wheels, to the highly organized event of today. Until 1899, the riders were compelled to go it alone for 142 hours, resting, eating and sleeping as they desired. This manner of running the races prevailed for some time, but opposition to it developed, and lawmakers finally decided this form of amusement was too hard on the riders, ruling that no rider should stay on the track more than

The idea of teaming the racers in pairs was then conceived, and has been followed ever since. The twelve-hour law still holds, so each rider is forced to carry his half of the burden, but they

twelve hours of any twenty-four.

can divide the time to suit themselves.

The safety bicycle first appeared on the market in 1892, and in the following year Albert Shock rode one of the new inventions in a six-day race against a field mounted entirely



Trackside Repairs at All Six-Day Races in Recent Years Have Been in the Hands of "Pop" Brennan, Center, and His Crew of Assistants

on the old-style high wheels. He won handily, and the high wheel disappeared from racing thenceforth.

The six-day meets were captured steadily by Americans from 1899 through 1906, but in 1907

an international team composed of a German and a Hollander was organized and took first place. Honors have been about even since that time, but there is always a good field of foreign cyclists in this country, both from Europe and from faroff Australia. It was a Tasmanian, Alfred Grenda, who, teamed with Alfred Goullet, one of the greatest of the American six-day riders, set a new world's record in the 1914 race by covering 2,759 miles and two laps.

The racing spectator sees a row of little hut-covered cots stretched alongside the track, one for each team, and here the riders may sleep when off the track, but out of sight behind the scenes is an elaborate organization which keeps the cyclists fit. There are trainers galore, bath rubbers, trained chefs, diet specialists and others. The average rider, putting in his twelve





Feeding a Dozen Teams of Six-Day Riders Is a Mammoth Task, for Each Man Eats Enough for Four Ordinary People

hours a day on the track in a six-day meet, will eat approximately four times as much as an office worker. There is lots of meat in their diet, but the favorite is lamb, with steaks running second. For a recent six-day race in which twelve teams, or twenty-four riders, participated, the chef ordered 600 pounds of lamb chops, twelve sides of beef, producing 500 steaks; 400 chickens, ten boiled hams and fifty pounds of bacon.

Vegetables and fruit are consumed in correspondingly large quantities. The same racing squad consumed during the week three barrels of potatoes, four baskets of string beans, four barrels of spinach, ten dozen cans of asparagus, eight cases of peas, 100 bunches of celery, two bushels of onions, 200 heads of lettuce, ten quarts of tomatoes, twenty-five heads of cabbage, seventy pounds of prunes, two barrels of cooking apples for applesance, six boxes of eating apples, 1,000 oranges, 300 grapefruit and twelve dozen lemons.

An apple or an orange can be eaten on the fly, and it is quite common to see riders pedaling around the course munching fruit or a sandwich as they go. Custard is one of their favorite dishes, and the same two dozen men consumed 300 dozen eggs, a large part of which went into this one dish. Among the other items of the chef's list for the six days were 700 quarts of milk, fifty pounds of butter, seventy-five pounds

of coffee, twenty pounds of tea, five pounds of cocoa, fifty pounds of rice, twenty pounds of oatmeal, six dozen boxes of corn flakes and 250 pounds of sugar.

Rub-down solution is purchased by the barrel, and enough liniments, gauze bandages, adhesive tape and similar remedies to stock a good-sized drug store. Accidents occur almost hourly, and the training quarters are kept busy making repairs ranging from a bit of adhesive over a skinned arm to fixing broken noses and reviving unconscious men.

In one recent race a member of the leading team, tangled up in a jam which wrecked four bicycles and threw as many riders, suffered a broken nose. He had it bound up in adhesive and was back on the track within a few minutes. Half an hour later he locked handlebars with another rider, both fell and part of the following field piled on them. The rider with the broken nose

was dragged out with a damaged skull. A few hours later he was on the track again, wearing a football headgear.

The bicycles which go through some of those wrecks are pulled out so badly bent and twisted as to appear hopelessly wrecked, but the spectators near the repair benches will see them taken apart, straightened and reassembled, with new wheels to replace the broken ones, and they will be ready for use again within an hour or two.

# PURSE THAT STICKS TO POCKET

With a strip of abrasivelike leather on its side, a pocketbook is intended to stick



to the cloth so that a thief's attempt to remove it will attract the owner's attention. The adhesive property lies in the grain of the covering. It does not damage the pocket and the purse can be easily taken out by a person knowing

its construction simply by inserting the fingers between the strip and the pocket.

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# IN ARTIFICIAL PRODUCT &

Manufactured by a process discovered from close study of the silkworm itself, artificial silk has assumed great importance in the commercial world as a substitute for the natural product in hosiery, garments, covering for telephone wires, artificial flowers, electromagnets many other articles. Last year's output was approximately 185,000,000 pounds and, largely because of the competition of the artificial variety, the price of raw silk in 1920 dropped from \$18 to \$5 a pound. A basis of the manufactured silk is a vegetable fiber which resembles cotton more than it does silk. Credit for its invention is given to Count Hilaire de Chardonnet, who exhibited it at an exposition in Paris in 1889. The original fiber has been improved by adding cellulose, the material that constitutes the cell walls of plants. There are various processes for this, but in all, some kind of cellulose is made into a jellylike mass then pumped through little glass nozzles in which there are fine tubes, invisible to the unaided eve. The threads are treated chemically and then spun and handled like silk. Woven with cotton these shining strands give the material a silken sheen which has come into great demand.

#### MEDICINE DROPPER AND CORK COMBINED IN ONE

Danger of breaking glass and the bother of handling two separate articles, are avoided in a combination bottle cork and dropper made of rubber. There is little likelihood of injuring the eye, for instance, when using the soft instrument to pour



medicine, and it can be easily kept sanitary by plunging it in boiling water.

SILKWORM'S SECRET APPLIED SHOEING ROOSTERS FOR FIGHTS FORMER BLACKSMITH'S TRADE

> Although cock fighting is now frowned upon in the United States, it is widely practiced in foreign countries, and in



profitable business with customers all over, the world. The gaffs are made of a special steel, tempered by a secret process which the manufacturer discovered twenty-five years ago when he made spurs for one of his own roosters in the blacksmith shop he conducted. The barbs are made in various styles and some of them sell as high as \$40.

#### RED FIRE USED IN SKYROCKETS PRODUCED FROM METAL "

Strontium, the metal base of red fire for railroad flares, skyrockets and Roman candles, has been discovered in Nevada and if the deposits prove abundant, development of an industry new to the United States is anticipated as the supply heretofore has come from abroad. metal usually is yellowish in color and in certain forms it is employed as a medicine, while a carbonate of strontium is used in Germany during sugar-refining processes.

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#### STUDENTS SEE SELVES TALKING IN WAVY LINES



Students at a London college literally see themselves speak, for their voices are recorded on a roll of special paper as they talk through a mouthpiece adjusted to a vibrating apparatus. The purpose of this instrument is to register the spoken word in such a way that defects in speech may be observed. The line produced varies according to the pronunciation and inflection given by the student. Comparing the results with a line of accurate speech, gives visible evidence of error.

## PROGRESS OF CENTURY SHOWN

Refrigerators that cool by heat, a huge magnet to remove splinters of steel from the body and violet-ray instruments intended to produce a healthful circulation of the blood are among the marvels of the age displayed at an electrical show in New York City. One of the practical implements demonstrated was an electric marker that tattooes identification symbols on various articles, such as the letter "L" or "R" on right and left overshoes, or similar marks on match safes, tire gauges and other articles. Some 30,000 exhibits were displayed, including electric "hands" that wrapped chocolates.

#### REIMS CATHEDRAL IS RESTORED WITH CONCRETE GIRDERS

Modern building methods are being employed in restoring war-torn Reims cathedral to its former grandeur. In remodeling the inner and outer roofs, the architect has designed a special system of

> light, interlocking, reinforced-concrete girders and rafters. The units can be handled and put in place by two workmen. This form of construction will be used for the pentroofs over the aisles as well as over the nave proper, and will be a trifle lighter than the ancient timber bracing besides leaving the roof passages practically unencumbered. Outwardly, the cathedral appears unchanged, though all the flying buttresses on the south and north sides and the apse have been rebuilt more or less. The south wall, facing the ancient palace of the archbishop, was relatively slightly damaged.

In the interior, the repairs of the nave are about finished as far as the choir. The roofing on this part of the cathedral is expected to be finished in 1926.

# POCKET-SIZE FAN IS OPERATED BY FLASHLIGHT BATTERY

Operated by a small electric motor supplied with current from a flashlight



battery, a tiny fan of German manufacture is intended to afford a cooling breeze at dances or the the-It may be ater. inserted in the flashlight case in place of the bulb and started or stopped by pressing the button. It takes up but little room in the pock-

et and is ready for use at all times. For running toy models a separate motor, about the size of a nickel, is inclosed in a metal shell slightly larger than that of a walnut. It can be operated by wires from the flashlight battery.

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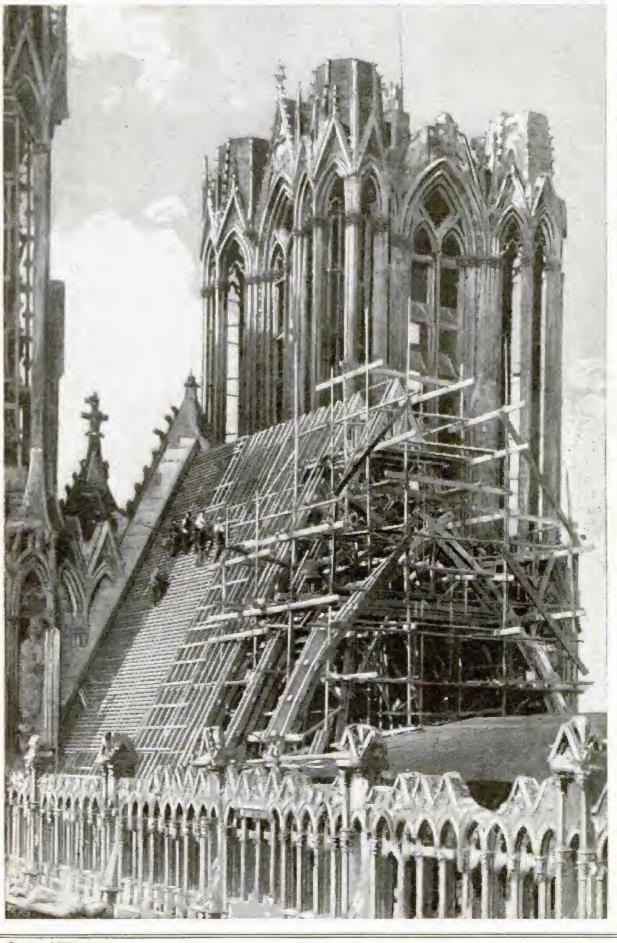


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Restoring Reims Cathedral with Interlocking Concrete Rafters Lighter than Timbers Used in Original Structure; Outer Rafters and Battens to Support Lead Roofing Are Wood

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"The Gossips," Sculpture in Soap on View at Recent Eastern Exhibition

#### SOAP FOR COMIC SCULPTURE RIVALS MARBLE

A contest in soap sculpture at an east ern art center revealed that the material, for informal subjects especially, is well suited to expression. One of the pieces that attracted considerable attention was "The Gossips," two women at a chance moment of conversation in a windy street. While it was not possible to reproduce many details as faithfully as could have

been done in stone or marble, the soap lent itself to the purpose of expressing character as well as the proper attitude and pose.

# TISSUELIKE STEEL

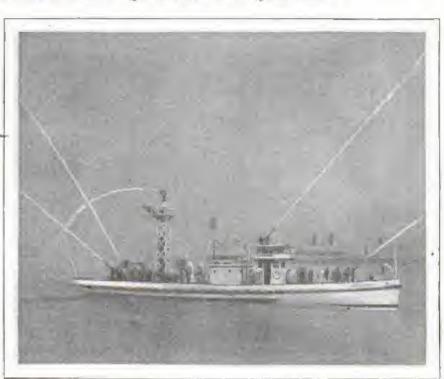
By the application of an electroplating process, sheets of steel so thin that they are as transparent as glass, have been prepared. In thickness, they will compare to tissue paper. To test their qualities, plates with ruled lines about one twenty - five - hundredth of an inch apart, were photographed through them and each of the lines was visible through microscope.

#### WIRELESS PHONES FOR TRAINS TO REPLACE ARM SIGNALS

The practical benefits of radio will be carried to train control, eliminating the use of arm signals between flagman and engineer on long freights, if experiments conducted by the railroads meet with continued success. A special wireless-telephone set has been devised, by which the man in the cab and the brakemen or conductor at the other end of the train can interchange signals instantly. On curves and at night, the advantages of this system are apparent, and its use on passenger trains, it is believed, will improve service and decrease delays, although the air-valve method now in use has none of the disadvantages of arm signaling. series of practical tests with this equipment has already been made on electrified sections of several lines, but further experiments are being conducted. lucaas\_ Demina

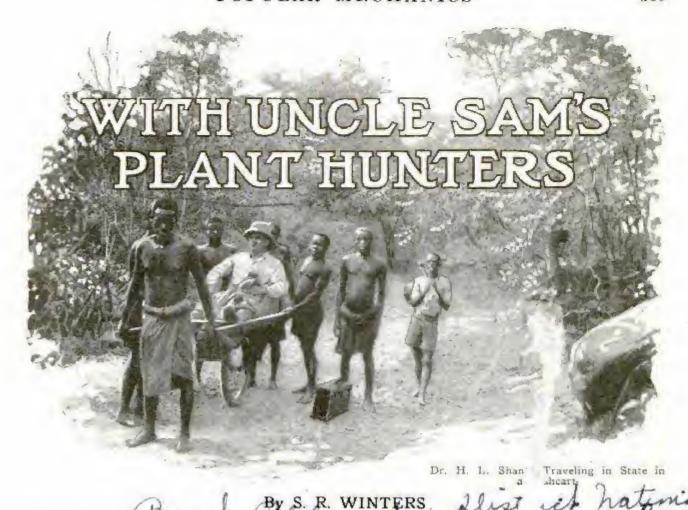
## FIREBOAT WITH SIX BIG PUMPS EQUALS TWO DOZEN ENGINES

Equipped with six centrifugal pumps that can hurl twenty-nine streams of water, totaling 12,000 gallons of water a minute, a fireboat added to the Los Angeles department is regarded as the equivalent of twenty-four engines. A feature of the outfit is a high tower from which the hose lines can deliver water upon blazes in upper stories and upon roofs.



Fireboat with Six Pumps Can Throw Twenty-Nine Streams and Is Equivalent to Twenty-Four Physics

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BEGINNING with the importation of a species of cabbage from Moscow, Russia, twenty-seven years ago, the department of agriculture has brought into America from foreign countries 65,054 varieties of fruits and vegetables. These seeds or plants, uprooted from the oldworld soil, are imported for the purpose of determining their suitability to growth

and fruitage in the United States. Combing strange and remote places of the earth for new and possibly useful plant life, Uncle Sam details agricultural explorers afield. One of these alone has introduced thousands of plants from China, including the seedless persimmon, the jujube, Meyer's elm, and many other products that have enriched our farms and orchards. From Africa have come the long-staple Egyptian cotton and Sudan grass, Rhodes grass and many of the important kafir corns and sorghums. These crops reach a value of approximately \$50,000,000 annually in America.

It is one thing to hunt big game in Africa and quite another thing to go on plant explorations. And yet there is a similarity between the two, inasmuch as excitement and personal dangers are not entirely removed from the plant hunter's task. The late Frank N. Meyer, who for

thirteen years was a intsman with the department, upon a restau in Harbin, was waylaid by two Russians who sought to seize him and coverful head with a sack. A quick lunge with he wie knife put one of his assailants or the ground and the other one fled. One ther occasion, this eminent plant hunter wrote:

"At last I have arr." here in this provincial capital at Kar, and I feel like an old-time sailing ship that has come into port, loaded full with all sorts of things. But the ship has weathered some storms, and it is with the loss of her mainsail that she is berthed here now. For—and this is a bad thing, indeed—my interpreter and the coolie have deserted me cowardly in Siku for fear of being killed by Tibetans."

That was many years ago, but plant hunters of today are beset with certain dangers in the pursuit of their strange occupation. For instance, as this article is being written, P. H. Dorsett and his son, J. H. Dorsett, as agricultural explorers for Uncle Sam, are scouring the fields of northern China in search of flora that may prove valued accessions to American plant life. They maintained their office at Harbin with Maj. Morgan

Palmer, who was assassinated as a result of Chinese disturbances about two months ago. Fortunately, these agricultural missionaries were afield on a trip west of Harbin at the time of the murder. A year ago, the plant explorations of Mr. Dorsett were interrupted for a period of two weeks owing to disturbances in Peking, but these internal conflicts caused only a temporary cessation of his activities. Now, he is penetrating into the recesses of the mountains collecting specimens of

plants that may be able to withstand the rigors of our northern climate. F. A. McClure, who divides his labors between agricultural exploration for Uncle Sam and teaching of agriculture in the Canton Christian College, is combing sections of southern China for scions of fruits and vegetables that may enrich our orchards and gardens. This region, too, is

embroiled in minor disputes and disturbances that contribute to the dangers of our agricultural missionaries. The difficulties of such explorations in China are portrayed by a fellow explorer who writes:

"I have been in China and know there are practically no roads in the Chinese empire; I have seen the caravans of the coolies and have been carried in sedan chairs, and I find it difficult to imagine a man's exploring in China, at least for plants, unless he could travel unweariedly afoot." Then, we are told that at least one of these agricultural missionaries walked 1,800 miles during a two-year trip in northern China.

Dr. David Fairchild, in charge of the office of foreign seed and plant introduction, is at present away from the Washington office for a period of approximately two years. This extended expedition will take the pioneer plant hunter through portions of Africa, Belgium, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, with the East Indies as his ultimate objective. For the last four months he has been invading the remote areas of northern Africa, a country which, it is to be remembered, has contributed a wealth of seeds and scious to enrich our variety of agricultural products. Dr. Fairchild, whose service as an agricultural explorer parallels the successful efforts of Barbour Lathrop of San Francisco, in establishing

a government plant - introduction section, speaking from a wealth of experience, declares:

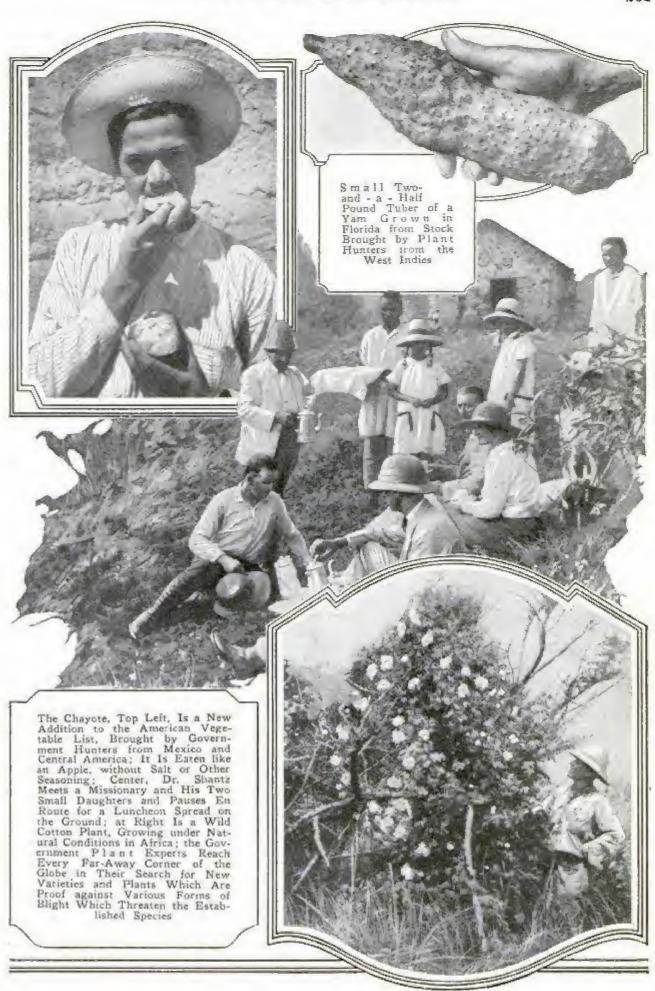
"A country cannot transfer its mines or its industries or its climate, but it can sometimes share the wealth of its flora. In giving but a handful of seed, it may bestow a priceless source of ood supply for millions of people." A striking il-

Government Plant Hunters Often Do a Bit of Animal Hunting on the Side; Here One Is Examining a Trap Set for Leopards

the recorded fact that one packet of Sudan-grass seed picked up in Africa will pay many times the cost of maintaining a plant hunter in the field for years. This grass has an annual crop valuation of

\$12,000,000 in this country. The introduction of the jujube, the Chinese date, into America marks the establishment of a probably large and prosperous industry. If processed rightly, according to experts, this product is as inviting to the palate as a fresh date. It lends itself to consumption in a variety of ways-fresh, dried, stewed, preserved or pickled. When dried, it is used in making cakes and puddings or cooked with cereals. There is growing in the Sacramento valley of California air orchard of twelve acres of jujubes, the largest commercial orchard at this/time. It is especially adapted to Texas(and gives promise of becoming established in the south.

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Two American Plant Hunters and a Native Chief Met in Their Ramblings through the Tropical Isles of the East Indies

The chayote, a comparatively recent addition to our vegetable kingdom, from Central America, takes the shape of a pear and flourishes on a perennial vine. It is related to the squash, but is said to possess a finer flavor and texture than the latter. A soil immune to freezing temperatures is necessary to insure its growth. It is now produced in Florida and in the Gulf-coast area. It may be served on the table in a variety of ways-fried, creamed, in stews, baked with meats or pickled. The chayote is trained upon a trellis like a grape vine and the ripe fruit is about four to six inches in length and three to four inches in diameter. Grown in the south, it comes to fruitage in November and is available in December and January, when other vegetables in some sections are not plentiful.

The Quetta nectarine, taking its name from the district in India where it is native, has been bestowed upon us by the plant hunters. This nectarine is a smooth-skinned peach and its good shipping quality is a virtue which recommends its commercialization. There is a twenty-acre orchard in California.

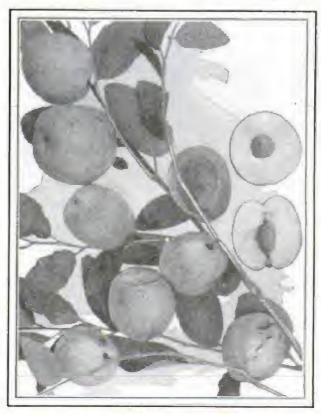
Thanks to agricultural missionaries, the pistachio nut, a strictly old-world product, has come to America from southern Europe. At present its growth is confined to the southwest, California and southern Texas, for instance. Both as a coloring and flavoring for candies its good

qualities are recognized. During 1923, we imported 79,000,000 pounds of oil for use in manufacturing paints and varnishes. Hence, there is justification in the small beginning of an industry in Florida, having as its purpose the production of tung oil for emergency needs. This oil is extracted from the seeds of the Chinese tung tree. Being unable to withstand cold, the oil-producing tree is restricted to growth in our southern climate.

The Barouni olive, which is adapted to soil and climatic conditions in this country, grows to an unusually large size. It is the largest variety yet introduced that can be used successfully as a ripe pickled olive. The cultivation of commercial orchards, approximating 150 acres, suggests concerted efforts to develop the Barouni olive industry.

Not very dissimilar to our haw berries, there comes from China apples the size of green peas.

They are bright red in color and are eaten fresh or preserved. The productiveness of this tree is said to be so great as to put it in a class by itself. These apples in miniature can be grown in the northern states and are useful as ornamental plants



The Jujube, or Chinese Date, Introduced from China, Grows to a Diameter of Two Inches

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Native Potato Market in Africa Visited by Dr. Shantz on One of His Trips



because of the numerous bright - red fruits which cluster on the tree.

A new tuberous vegetable has been introduced from the far east, and its tubers resemble closely strung beads. These tiny tubers may be fried or cooked in numerous ways, and they are said to be relished in salads or when pickled.

A plant susceptible to growth in extreme southern Florida and the so-called lemon area of California is the papaya. It is a relatively small tree that is productive of melons in gangs or bunches. The melons cluster around the trunk of the tree, suspended from abbreviated stalks.

The Smyrna-fig culture in California has not always been successful. Agricultural explorers overcame the handicap by importing from Syria an insect on which this variety of fig could rely for fertilization of its blossoms. Also, the wild variety of fig tree upon whose fruit this insect feeds was brought to California.

Japan, through the office of foreign seed and plant introduction, has contributed a large radish. It is more than two feet in length and as large in circumference as a fair-sized tree. The "udo," also a comparatively new vegetable, is a product of Japan. Its shoots are sliced and, after remaining in ice water for a while, are served with mayonnaise dressing. These

shoots have a "piney" flavor.

An agricultural explorer, traveling through Manchuria, observed a strange-looking cereal on the market. Seeds were obtained and from this mere beginning was developed the "grain sorghum," which is now grown extensively in America. The large ears, burdened with big grains, are ordinarily fed to cattle. However, this grain may be converted into breakfast food or griddlecakes.

The dasheen, a promising vegetable in Florida and areas of mild climate adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, constitutes the chief article of food in certain tropics. It was brought to the United States by plant hunters, and when baked, it is as readily relished as potatoes. They are often cooked like the latter and dasheen chips find their way to hotel menus in northern cities.

"Poke around through the backyards of people who cannot understand what you are doing and are naturally suspicious of you," is the picturesque description employed by one plant hunter in describing the activities of these government missionaries. "You start out for some unexplored or forgotten part of the world," he continues. "You buy a couple of horses,

mules, or may be camels; one animal for yourself and the other for your baggage. Then you head for the back country and keep going until you reach a place where there are so few cooking vessels "What a life! To wander with a definite, soul-absorbing object, on foot, from village to village, inquiring his way and learning as he went of



Dr. Shantz Examining Hevea Rubber Trees at Kampala, Uganda, Africa, in the Inset, and Plant Experts Grading and Preparing Plants for Shipment at a Bench in the Field

that an empty tomato can may pay for a night's lodging. You make yourself agreeable to the natives, jolly them. Then you go to the village market and watch like a hawk for everything that is brought in to be sold.

"When you find something that is worthwhile you get scions or seeds. If the latter, you pack them in charcoal; if the former you pack them in moss and inclose them in a pasteboard tube with waxed ends for shipment by whatever means may be most convenient.

"The scions or seeds, upon reaching Washington, are first subjected to an inspection service as a means of barring injurious insects. If the plant material is approved, it is placed for trial at state and federal experiment stations, or with individual plant experts or plantsmen interested in special groups of plants. If the specimens prove productive and economically desirable, they are placed in the hands of farmers who agree to devote a certain acreage to their growth. Hence, if these introductions establish their value their widespread distribution is insured."

Such are the fruits of our plant hunters. A distinguished exponent of this tribe of globe-trotters, in a contemplative vein, writes of a fellow worker:

which, because of its perfume, the deliciousness of its fruit, the color of its flowers, the shade it cast, its alkali resistance or its hardiness in bleak northern regions, might be worthy of sendingto this country for our farmers, horticulturists, or lovers of door-yard plants."

#### CLEANING AUTO BY SANDBLAST SAVES TIME IN PAINTING

Sandblasting has been applied to cleaning automobiles, preparatory to painting,



and the time required is said to be reduced to two or four hours, depending upon the kind of car. Old paint, rust and dirt are thoroughly removed, saving the task of washing, spraying and scraping, and the difficult places in the

chassis or body are easily reached. The pressure can be regulated from about sixty pounds, for taking off grease and paint, to twelve or twenty pounds, when cleaning wood parts.

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## HIGH SPEEDS ARE MEASURED BY NOTES IN MUSICAL SCALE

Measuring the revolutions of highspeed machinery by comparing the musical note of a sound vibration with a similar note from a tuning fork, or other musical device, is accomplished by a new device. The idea is being applied par-ticularly to small internal grinders, in which speeds of more than 50,000 revolutions per minute are necessary. The new device consists of a tiny alternating-current armature built onto the revolving grinder spindle and connected, through other necessary apparatus, to a headset worn by the operator. As each complete cycle of the alternating current will draw the headphone diaphragm in toward the magnets once and release it once-a complete vibration-it follows that the number of vibrations per minute will correspond to the revolutions made by the spindle carrying the armature. The musical note known as middle C, for instance, is produced by 261 vibrations per second, or 15,660 per minute, so that when the operator hears middle C he knows the spindle is turning 15,660 times a minute, and so on, when the tone heard corresponds to a note higher in the scale

### BLIND MAN DEVISES PRINTER FOR BLIND TO OPERATE

Raised printing by which the blind can read with the aid of their fingers, is done on a special press which a blind man in California has invented. It is so arranged that the operator can correct his work



Demonstrating Printer for the Blind; Keyboard Operated by Left Hand, the Right Serving as Guide

while using the keyboard, as one hand is free to follow the impressions.



Closely Resembling the Natural Flowers, These Roses both Petals and Leaves, Are Made of Rubber

#### FLOWERS COPIED IN RUBBER FORM LASTING BOUQUET

Leaves and petals of roses and other flowers are copied in rubber directly from the blossom itself by a recently devised process. The rubber is in jelly form and is combined with a sheet of other material, then pressed into tissuelike thinness and stamped with the pattern of a real rose petal. Leaves are made in the same way and then attached to a rubber stem.

# PICTURE PROJECTOR SHOWS "STILLS" AS SALES AID

A small picture projector, which takes a cartridge of tiny film and occupies but, little space itself, has been placed on the market to supplant the bulky binders of photographs used by salesmen to illustrate their talks. The complete projector is considerably smaller than the average photograph book, yet will project distinct ten-by-one-inch pictures on the wall of a well-lighted room, and larger sizes in the dark. The pictures are sorted out in the order in which the salesman wishes to present them and then photographed, one by one, on an ordinary film cartridge of motion picture width. The cartridge is inserted in the projector in the same way as in a camera.

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# TEST ROOFING BY FLAME BLAST FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Fire-resisting ability of various roofing materials is tested at the bureau of standards by subjecting samples to intense heat,



Exposing Roofing Material to Hot Blast at Bureau of Standards to Test Fire Resistance

after which an attempt is made to ignite them. The results are noted by an observer who checks the time the roofing is under test and how soon it shows signs of decomposition under the fire.

#### FLOOR SCRAPER AND SANDER SAVES TIME AND WORK

Operated wholly by hand-power, a combination floor scraper and sander is said to enable one man to do the work of six. alt contains an automatic spring motor, so

adjusted that the momentum of the lidle stroke is absorbed and applied on the return cutsting stroke. wide blade, which can be sharpened without removing it from the holder. does most of the work and insures a smooth, even finish. A light sanding is done by a special attachment which is easily adjusted to the apparatus, or can be used separately with a stick handle.

MAN FASTING FORTY-ONE DAYS

So that scientists might observe the effects of prolonged fasting, a University of Chicago man recently went without

food for forty-one days. He lost between thirty and forty pounds, but his physical condition at the end of the ordeal was said to be good. mental processes were retarded, but as in other cases, suddenly increased often above normal when, he resumed eating. Since his seventeenth birthday, he started to go on diets of various kinds, and has fasted, in all, nearly 350 days. Before the longer fast, he had gone without food for thirty-three continuous days. Observations were made as to what happens to the digestive apparatus and the human system in

general when the body is deprived of nourishment for a given length of time.

#### GLOW OF PHOSPHORESCENT SEA BRIGHT ENOUGH FOR READING

On a recent voyage of the aircraft tender "Patoka," a strip of phosphorescent sea, so bright that newspapers could be read by its glow, was reported near Cuba. It' was about six miles wide and extended as far as could be seen north and south. The light was so strong that shadows were

> cast upon the ship's awnings. In the wake of the vessel, where the water was disturbed by the propeller, marked red and green colors were noticeable beside the yellowish gleam of the band. The phenomenon, it is believed, was due to the action of ocean currents washing tremendous numbers of minute creatures that emit the phosphorescence into a close - packed area.



Combination Floor Scraper and Sander, Run by Spring Motor and Steered by User

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Beautifully Carved Model of the Famous Old Brig "Fair America" Is Carefully Dusted Off by Compressed Air

## A Shipyard High in a Skyscraper

### Caravels, Frigates, Racing Schooners and Latest-Model Steamers Launched from Tenth Floor, High above City Streets

AUNCHING a steady stream of ships, ranging from replicas of Columbus' and pre-Columbian vessels down to the latest-model battleship or ocean liner, a New York shipyard occupies a unique location ten floors above a busy street on Manhattan island. The shipyard in a skyscraper is possible because the vessels that issue from its building ways, though complete in every detail, are only miniatures in size.

The unusual shipbuilder produces perfect models of warships for American and foreign governments; models of great ocean liners, perfect in detail and often ten to fifteen feet or more in length, for commercial ship owners; hull models and detail models used by real shipyards in testing the lines of proposed new vessels; historical models of every type of ship from Columbus' day down to the present. and trim little sail or power yachts for the model-yacht racing enthusiast. Not only are carved hulls produced, but the standing gear and the running gear and

all the ship's hardware of the sailing ships, complete to the tiniest model block; and powerful little steam and electric engines for power craft.

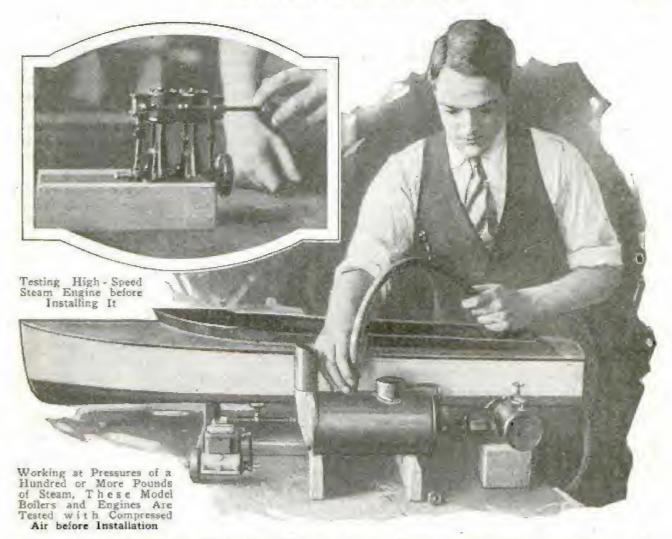
Starting twenty years ago with the making of exhibition models of ships for steamship companies and governments. the business has grown until the model, racing yacht occupies a large part of its' attention. Racing clubs have been established in nearly every large city and many towns, while the list of racing enthusiasts numbers such men as Franklin D. Roosevelt, former assistant secretary of the navy and once candidate for vice-president, who owns a whole fleet of model vachts, which he built himself.

The models bear no relation to toy-store sail or power boats. They are scientifically designed by noted yacht architects, so that they not only float, but actually sail, and at good speed. The National Model-Yacht Racing association governs the sport throughout the country, under rules as stripes those used a any big-

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section of the battleship "Rivadavia" in a scale of one-fourth of an inch to the foot.

Horace E. Boucher, the founder of the aerial shipyard, was a model builder for the navy before he established his own plant. Many of the complicated warship models displayed under glass cases in the navy building at Washington were made by him. The bigger battleship models require months in the making, the services of ten to a dozen expert craftsmen, and cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000, or even more. Such minute parts as boat falls, winches and deck gear are movable and actually work, though often so small that the maker carved them under a magnifying glass.

The sectional models are even more intricate, showing every detail of the interior, with engines that actually work. Some of these models are used at Annapolis in teaching the midshipmen details of battleship operation. In the German navy, before the war, every ship was equipped with its working sectional model to be used in the training of new men.

It is in the making of racing models for the sailing and power-boat clubs, however, that the greatest ingenuity has been shown. Dozens of items of ship fittings have been produced in exact scale. Boat davits, either common or patent types, ventilators, running lights, cleats, chocks, bitts; blocks, single or double; anchors, turnbuckles, steering wheels, bells, stanchions, air ports, life rings, shackles, hawse pipe, binnacles, searchlights, deck winches, capstans; in fact, no end of tiny fittings are available.

Boats are designed and sold complete, but for the boy or man with a love for tools everything is supplied, from plans and parts, rough-carved hulls and parts, semi-finished hulls, to finished hulls and the parts needed for completion.

The list of models available is a naval history of five centuries. From the "Santa Maria," "Half Moon" and "Mayflower," it ranges through such famous early naval vessels as the "Constitution," "Wasp," "Bonhomme Richard" and "Lexington," down through early steam types and to the battleships, cruisers and submarines of the present. Then there are models of famous yachts, noted clipper ships, and typical steam merchant ships of the present.

The making of model power plants for these, and for the model motorboats raced by the amateur clubs, is a science in itself. 270

Every type of marine steam engine is produced in miniature—single and double-action oscillating engines, one and two-cylinder double-acting slide-valve types, high-speed twin or four-cylinder racing engines, the latest thing in compound types, with high and low-pressure cylinders, using the same steam twice, and many others.

Autoists who are accustomed to high-speed motor-car engines running at 1,800 to 2,200 revolutions per minute, are amazed at a tiny little steam plant, two and three-quarters by four and three-quarters inches and three and a half inches high, weighing only one pound ten ounces, yet developing a speed of 3,500 revolutions per minute. Every part, from the smallest wristpin to the three-quarter-inch piston, is as carefully machined as the corresponding part of an automobile engine.

The tiny boilers which generate the steam for these miniature power plants can be held in one hand, yet are equipped with superheaters and will develop eighty pounds of steam from cold water in three minutes. The engine fittings, from pressure gauges recording up to 120 pounds, through force pumps, whistles and valves, are all made with the same precision.

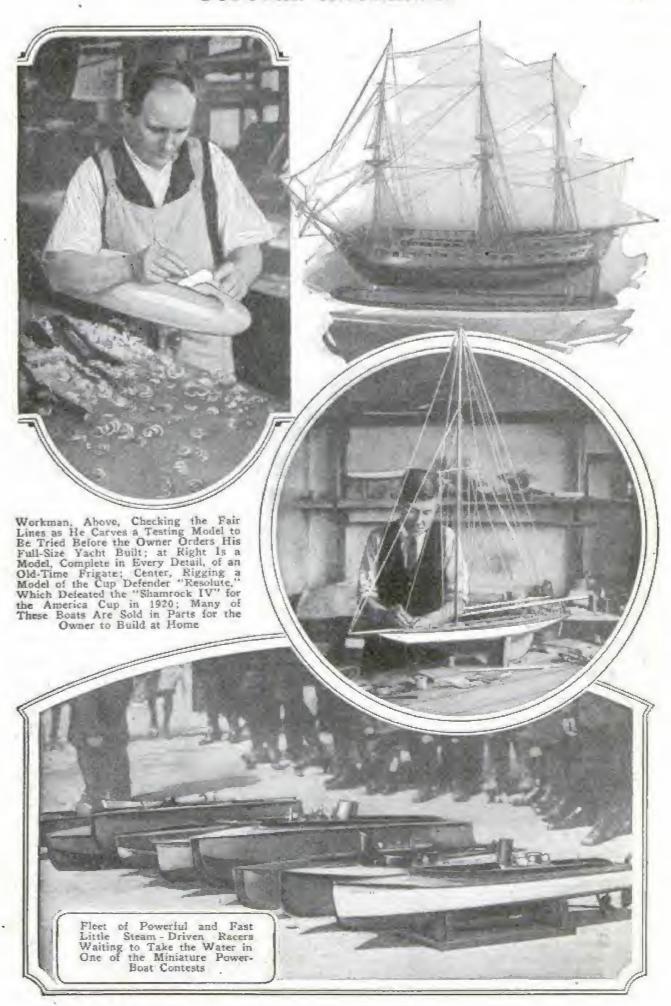
Power boats, ranging from thirty to forty-eight inches in length, and driven by these little steam plants will attain speeds up to twelve miles an hour. The racing orate. Each model owner follows his entry around in a rowboat, and trims sail as required to go on another tack. Unlike the large yachts, sailing before the wind is the most difficult point for a crewless model, so the rules have been changed to give the yacht in that position the right of way, which compels owners of boats on other tacks following their craft to keep them out of the way of a collision.

The little models can cover any kind of racing course, though the sport is at its best over a closed course, triangular or square in shape, where each boat is required to tack and round the corner buoys, bringing out the seamanship of the owner. The rules stipulate that the owner must row up to his craft gently, so as not to force it ahead on the advancing swell, and must be careful not to give his boat a shove on her way after changing the sails.

It takes a high degree of skill to sail one of the model yachts successfully. To meet changing conditions of wind, most of them have their masts so mounted that they can be shifted forward or aft, moving the entire sail layout and thereby changing the center of gravity to meet stronger or lighter winds. Many of the small yachts can be made to sail as closely into the wind as a big boat, provided the owner is an expert at adjusting his sails to the correct degree of slackness. All of these changes must be made from the accompanying rowboat as the yacht is turned on a new course. To make

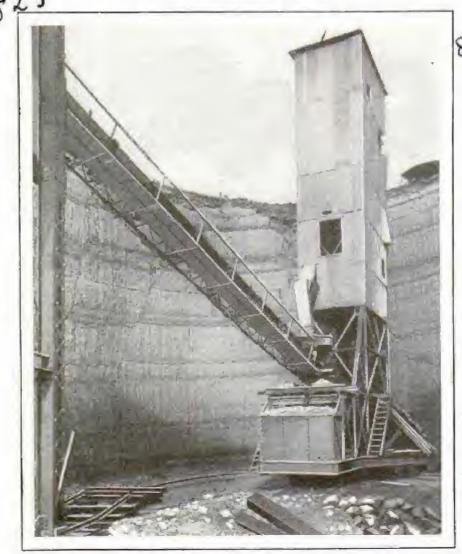


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A Substitute for Boring and Blasting, Clay Cutter That Pares Dirt from Bank and Elevates It for Hauling

#### SHAVER CUTS CLAY FROM HILL AT FIFTY TONS AN HOUR

825 Replacing older methods of drilling holes and blasting, a bucket-elevator apparatus with cutting tools, shaves clay and similar materials from hillsides at the rate of fifty tons an hour, and delivers the product into a hopper for transportation. The elevator is arranged so that it scrapes against the bank, allowing the cutters to make a shallow upward stroke, dislodging the soil which falls into the buckets and is hoisted. The outfit rests on a mov-

able pivot truck so that it may be swung about through an arc of almost 180 degrees and fifty-four feet Its maxiacross. mum capacity is attained when a cut

about fifty feet across is possible and when it operates continuously, according to the manufacturers.

SLEEP RESEMBLES INTOXICATION

83 Tests conducted by scientists at George Washington university on eight students, who were kept awake for sixty hours, have suggested the theory that sleep may be nothing more than a form of intoxication, and that by cultivating better habits, humanity may be able to reduce the number of hours required for slum-Storing of poisons ber. in the human system during the wakeful periods, it was indicated, induced the drowsiness and necessity for sleep. Microscopical examinations of the blood of the subjects showed that there were changes in it similar to those that occurred in the blood of a drunken man, and that a short period of sleep eradicated the effects. The lack of sleep seriously impaired the students' vision. Some reported seeing phantoms and others distortion of objects. A single night's.

loss of sleep did not decrease their ability to drive an automobile, but on the second night, they had a tendency to fall asleep because of the rhythm of the motor. Their mental faculties and muscles remained up to standard.

#### SIX-SOCKET RATCHET WRENCH FITS AUTO SIDE POCKET

Intended especially for the motorist, a ratchet wrench that has six different-sized sockets in its handle, can be slipped into a side pocket of the car, saving search un-

der cushions for the proper tool in making minor re-pairs. The ratchet may also be reversed, and besides, the sockets, an extension, seveno

inches long, is provided for reaching difficult places. This, too, fits inside the handle of the wrench when not in use

Wrench with Set of Different-Sized Sockets That Slip into the Handle

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#### FOGS REGISTER OWN WARNING BY RINGING SIGNAL BELL

By means of a beam of light and a sensitive cell which controls an electric current, fogs are made to register their own warning to protect ships at the port of The beam is sent across the Dublin. over in an oblique direction from a small lamp that shines through a lens. The rays are collected by a larger lens on the side of a lighthouse, and are thrown upon a sensitive photoelectric cell connected to a circuit controlling the alarm bell. So long as the light shines with sufficient intensity, the circuit is open and the bell cannot ring, but a fog dims the rays sufficiently Ito cause the cell to close the circuit, and the alarm sounds. The action is not instantaneous, about half a minute being required to operate the bell, so that pass-Sing ships cannot cause false alarms,

#### AUTOMATIC NOZZLE FOR HOSE REDUCES WATER WASTE

Fitted with a spring button which autonatically shuts off the water flow when pressure on it is removed, a hose nozzle frow on the market prevents waste and damage to the lawn or garden in letting a stream rush into the soil when the hose is dropped to the ground. Special tips are Forty-Two-Stringed Combination Harp, Banje provided with the nozzle for washing Guitar That Produces Orchestral Effects automobiles, filling pails or radiators banjo and adapted for concert or jazzsprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and adapted for concerns sprinkling, and other purposes, and a rechange banjo and playing. It is said to produce the That is connected directly to the hydrant



Hose on Reel, the Spring Nozzle Shut-Off, and Attachments for Special Uses

dition, helps avoid soiling of the hands or clothing, and occupies little space. When the automatic nozzle is used the hose may be kept full of water.

BANJO, HARP AND GUITAR IN ONE IMITATE THE PIANO

Five instruments, virtually a small string orchestra, are combined in a single piece constructed on the principles of a



or water pipe, keeps the hose in good con- tones of the harp, piano, guitar and mandolin besides those of the banjo. There are Storty-two strings. Melodies are played with the left hand, while the right actuates the longer strings for bass tones. The frame of the instrument is made of handcarved wood covered with gold leaf. playing it, one end is supported on the ap and the other on a small stand.

P. Coddinglin 6 CEDAR PLASTER FOR CLOSETS

Aromatic red cedar has been with into a patented composition with plaster especially for clothes closets, to repel moths and other insects. The preparation may be applied over a surface already plastered and needs only mixing with clean water to make it ready for use. No stain or paint should be used over it as it will reduce the strength of the cedar odor. The plaster is said to produce a smooth linish, which, besides being as effective against moths as a cedar chest, is pragtically proof against dust.

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## Planting a Forest Under a Skyscraper

### Pile Drivers Force Acres of Pines through the Earth to Find Solid Foundation for Tons of Steel and Concrete

By J. EARLE MILLER

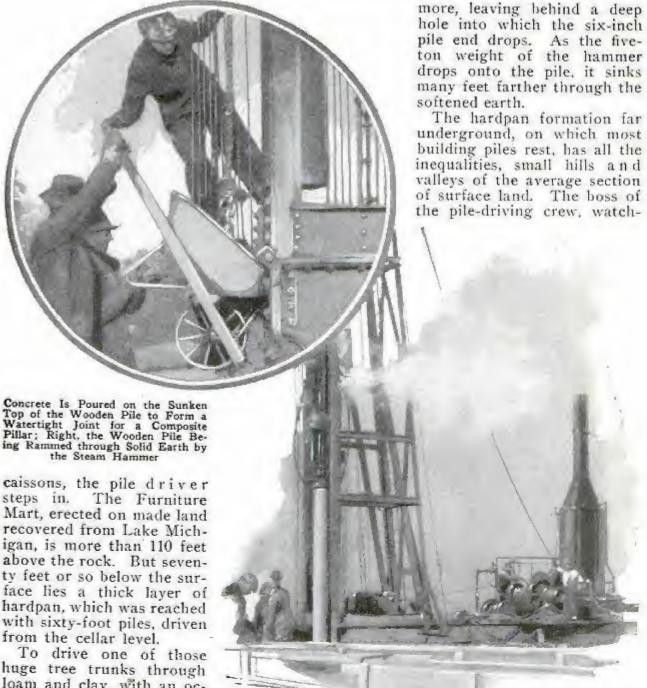
TRANSPLANTING vast forests of tall, straight pines from the Gulf states, turning them upside down and driving the trunks, top first, for scores of feet through surface loam, sand, muck and clay, the pile-driving crew is at work wherever tall buildings are to rise. Thousands of acres of fine timber, sixty, sev-

enty-five and eighty-foot shafts—a foot thick at the base and six inches at the top the minimum measure—disappear every year under the steady "tamp, tamp" of the steam-driven pile hammer.

The world's biggest building, in point of floor space—the American Furniture

Mart, in Chicago-rests on more than 7,500 of these sixty-foot timbers, and that is not a record job at all. A vast ore dump recently completed for a steel mill at Indiana Harbor required 14,400 piles, all of them seventy-five and eighty-foot lengths. Their tops were bound together with the cement ore floor, several feet thick, at each cluster of timbers. Even if a hundred suitable trees, long enough, straight enough and sound. could be found on a single acre, it would take a good-size forest to provide such a foundation. The pile driv-, er itself is a product of the evolution in building. Originally a seagoing machine, designed to drive breakwaters and piers, it crawled onto dry land and acquired rollers when builders started after new records in skyscraper height. Wherever bedrock is too far down to be reached economically with foundation

With a Hitch about the Twelve-Inch Butt, the Pile Driver Jerks a Sixty-Foot Tree Stem Upright, Ready to Be Rammed Home by Five-Ton Hammer Blows as Part of a Foundation



To drive one of those huge tree trunks through loam and clay, with an occasional bowlder barring its progress, requires tremendous energy. The hammer

of the average pile driver alone weighs five tons, and strikes a twenty-ton blow, at the rate of from fifty-five to sixty-five blows a minute.

By preparing the ground with a jet of water before the pile is started, the five-ton weight frequently will drive a sixty-foot pile for half its length by sheer weight, before the steam hammer strikes a single blow. The water jet is a long two-inch pipe, connected to the nearest fire hydrant, and expelling through its tapered nozzle a powerful stream. Pointed into the ground, it washes out the earth and by its own weight sinks for twenty feet or

ing the hammer blows fall, can tell by the slowing up of the pile when it has reached its base, and the driving stops. Some piles will be left sticking several feet in the air, while only a short distance away, owing to a little valley in the hardpan, the pile will be driven all of its length, and still not reach a firm foundation. Then the "follower," a length of tree trunk, ironbound at the top to save it from the hammer's blows and with an iron ferrule at the bottom to slip over the pile end, comes into play and, like the carpenter's nail set, drives the timber out of sight under the ground.

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For the use of the soft sand or other easy pile driver and its crew going, the price per foot of engineers, fireman, goes down as the daily chopper, who prepares quota of the pile driver the tops to fit the pile goes up. One crew, plachammer, laborers and ing foundations for a steel mill in the Gary district, set a record of 264 piles others, the builder pays on the basis of lineal feet of piling driven. driven in a nine-hour day. An average building In that case, however, job. where loam, sand the soft sand of the and clay underlie the northern Indiana dunes foundation, costs reached all the way around thirty cents a down to hardpan. foot, or \$18 for the The average building driving of each sixtypiling used in cities foot length. Under ranges somewhere bethose average contween thirty and eighty ditions, a single feet, but marine piling crew will sink from often is much longer. Lengths of 225 feet, twenty-five to thirty-one or formed of several sections spliced together, two piles a day. are not uncommon in The diamond drill which the west, particularly around Seattle, and goes down before a big eastern around ports. One big job in A Jet of Water
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Job, Where the Piles Were Driven Before
the Foundation Digging Was Completed building is built, to test the earth and find out how deep the foundations must go, likewise furnishes the piling contractor with the data on which his bid is based. Under exceptional conditions, in

the Hudson river at New York was given up and an entire construction project abandoned when pier piling 300 feet from shore failed to find bottom at a depth of 225 feet.

Not all piling used is of wood. Reinforced-concrete

not an plang used is of wood. Reinforced-concrete piles are often used for docks; combinations of wood and concrete for buildings, and there is a patent concrete pile which is poured into a hole driven by the pile driver. A core made in three sections is fitted in thin steel tubing, expanded to fill the form, and then locked. The pile driver forces tube and core into the earth, then the core is unlocked, when it collapses, and is drawn out, leaving the steel tube in which concrete is poured. When combination of wood and concrete is used, the



cost of the work is considerably higher than for straight wooden piling, but the top of the wood is driven below water level, and hence all chances of rotting are removed. The cost of wood piles plus the cost of driving under average conditions in the middle west totals about fifty-seven cents a foot, whereas a corresponding job of composite piling will cost around a dollar a foot. The big concrete piles used in dock work are molded in forms on the ground, seasoned for forty days or more and then sunk, like the wood, by the pile driver.

After the Wooden Pile Is Sunk below the Surface, the Corrugated Form for the Concrete Top of a Composition Pile Is Let Down; Left, the Cables and Sheaves of the Hundred-Ton Mechanism That "Pulls" the Pile Down

The latest model steel-tower pile drivers used for driving these concrete-andwood piles save steam and time by pulling the piles down for a good part of their length, instead of driving them. Steel cables laced back and forth over five pulley sheaves give a tremendous pulling power, the lower end being held by the outer steel shell. Such an outfit can exert 100 tons' pull, though only a part of it can be used before the resistance of the wooden pile being forced down overcomes the resistance of the steel tube already in the ground, and starts to lift the The pulling drivers also have much heavier hammers, the steel core, cables and other extras adding more than four tons to the five-ton hammer.

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A wooden stat Jackson, which was the figure-

Wooden Statue of Andrew Jackson, the Figurehead of the Old "Constitution," Preserved in Relic Shop

head of the frigate "Constitution," has been secured and is being carefully preserved by a dealer in marine antiques. While the ornament was considered a splendid example of a ship's figurehead, it was regarded by some as inappropriate. A man is reported to have swum out to the frigate and cut off the head of the

statue. The decoration was then removed and the head later recovered and replaced.

# TO UNCOVER GOLD

Engineers in New Zealand are seeking to reclaim the gold deposited in the bed of the Kawarau river by shutting off the flow of the stream at its source, Lake Wakatipu. A dam and sluice gates, which can be closed at times to reduce the

waters so that miners can explore the river course, are to be constructed across the narrow opening that leads from the lake. Measurements indicate that the openings can be entirely closed for two to three months during the winter before the basin overflows, and thus there will be ample opportunity to search for gold along the bed of the stream.

# PLANT THAT GIVES COLD LIGHT

Long sought by scientists, cold light is naturally produced by a variety of fungus that shines in the dark. The plant sometimes is found on decaying wood and its illumination is just within the limits to which the eye is sensitive. It does not contain any of the longer heat waves nor the shorter ultraviolet emanations, which are contained in sunlight although they cannot be seen by the unaided eye. Similar light is emitted by a species of shellfish, but this has less of the red than that from The glow from the firefly the fungus. likewise contains little blue or red, being mostly yellowish.

## ARCH MADE FROM ONE TREE 7 / TO SHELTER TOURISTS

A single redwood tree furnished all material for the construction of a rustic arch as a tourist shelter in Vancouver. B. C. The pillars are lengths of the trunk, and the bark has been left on in order to increase the natural effect. The only parts of the structure finished with tools are the capitals of the Doric pillars, the frieze and the pediment. The structure is modeled after a Grecian temple.



Rustic Arch of Grecian Pattern Constructed Wholly from a Single Redwood

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Floating Fire Department of the Spreewald Is Carried on Pontoons Lashed Together and Propelled by Poles;
This Photo Was Taken during an Inspection by Fire Officials from Berlin

#### FLOATING FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPELLED BY POLES

Fire-fighting apparatus is carried on scows and is floated to the scene of a blaze in the Spreewald, a river district near Berlin, Germany. The units have drills and undergo inspections similar to those given the regular departments. Long poles are used to help propel and steer the scows.

#### STRANGE NEW RAY IS FOUND TEN MILES ABOVE EARTH

By sending instruments attached to balloons ten miles above the surface of the earth, Dr. R. A. Millikan, of the California institute of technology, has tested a new ray which is said to frave 1,000 times the frequency of the X-ray, and to bombard the earth from all directions. The phenomenon is believed to be caused by atoms passing over to other atoms. The sun has no effect on the action, the scientist de-clares. Although the power of the rays is great, they are pot sufficiently

numerous to have any effect on the earth, and no use for them is known.

#### WAR VETERANS TOUR COUNTRY IN IMITATION TANK

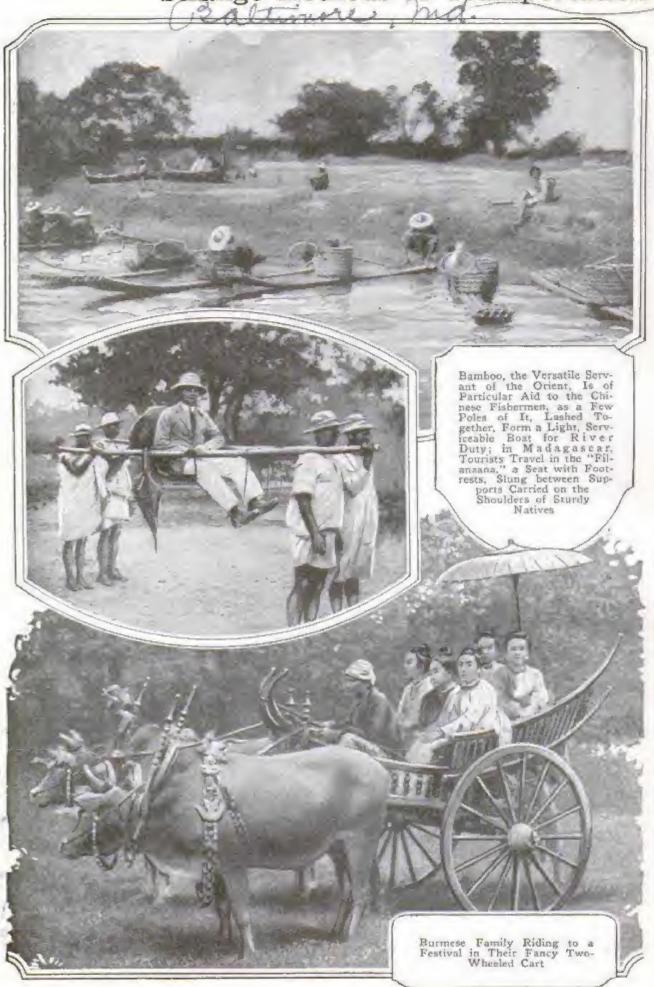
By adding a tin superstructure in the form of an army tank to their automobile, three war veterans devised a novel vehicle for a tour of the country. Souvenirs and signs collected from various towns were placed on the sides of the car as evidence of their travels. Besides affording a spec-

tacular conveyance, the tank sheltered the occupants from bad weather and protected their luggage.

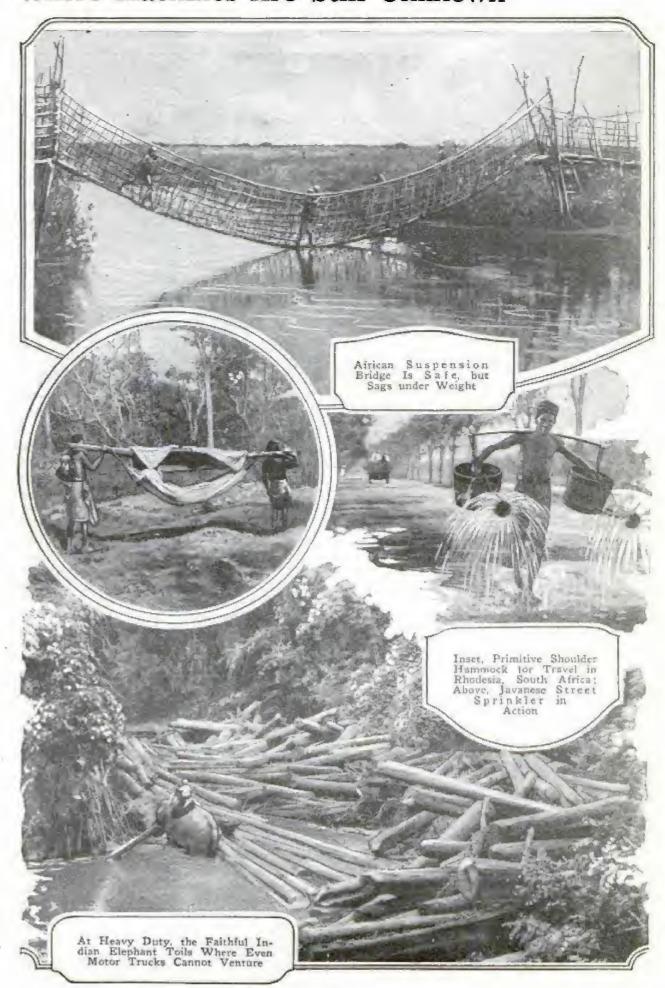


Yeterans and Their Souvenir-Covered "Tank" for Touring Country

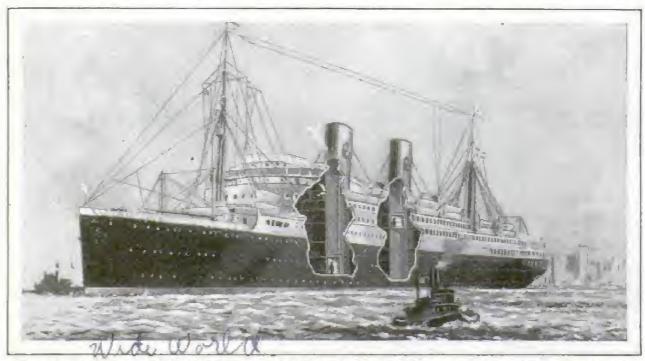
Strange Methods of Transportation



## Where Machines Are Still Unknown



#### ELEVATORS RUN IN STACKS ON STEAMLESS SHIP



Cross-Sectional View of "Gripsholm's" Punnels Which Are Used as Elevator Shafts; Oil-Burning Motors, Replacing Steam Boilers, Eliminate the Need of Large Smoke Vents

Propelled by huge Diesel oil-burning motors, the Swedish-American liner "Gripsholm," has smokestacks like those of an ordinary steamer, but they are dummies and are used as elevator shafts. The ship has a displacement of 23,950 tons, is 578 feet long, and is one of the largest motorships in ocean service.

# THIRTY-MILLION-TON RAINFALL MEASURED BY GLASS

London, home of dense fogs, recently experienced a heavy deluge when approximately 30,000,000 tons of rain fell in fifteen hours, more than twice as much as had fallen during the previous three weeks. This total was quickly computed by consulting the rain gauges in the



Measuring a Heavy London Rainfall in Graduated Glass Gauge; Thermometers in Background p

weather-observation stations. These are exposed glass containers arranged to catch the precipitation and the amount is read by means of a graduated scale on the side. A common type of gauge used in this country is what is known as the tipping bucket. It is adjusted to empty when only one one-hundredth of an inch of rain has fallen into an exposed cylinder, twelve inches in diameter, and automatically registers each emptying as the bucket comes up for more. The flow goes into another container and is again measured by a stick. At the smaller weather stations, the co-operative observatories, an eight-inch cylinder is used to catch the rain.

# MOTOR REPLACING THE RICKSHA

Jinrikishas, the "man-pull carts" of the Orient, are being replaced by autos according to reports from Tokyo. Fleet-footed young men, whose speed rivaled that of horses, are said to be finding better opportunities to earn money in other ways than toiling between the shafts of these vehicles, and the manufacturers of the carts are devoting their plants to making baby buggies. The rickshas now are generally pulled by old men whose patronage is largely made up of leisurely tourists, or natives who desire the pleasure of talking to the cart man.

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#### RICH TONE OF ANCIENT VIOLINS BELIEVED DUE TO SALT 1105

German manufacturers have advanced the theory that the exceptional resonance of some of the famous Amati violins is due to the lime salts with which the instruments are stained. The material is imbedded in the pores of the wood and is believed to affect its action under vibration in such a way as to produce the remarkable tone, the cause of which long has remained a secret.

#### DRY FIRE EXTINGUISHER USES POWDER TO KILL FLAMES

All kinds of fires, including burning oils, gasoline or ether, may be stopped in a few seconds with a hand outfit operated simply by opening a valve. This permits carbon-dioxide gas to rush from a small cylinder and mix with a chemical powder contained in a hopper. Flames are smothered and no damage from stains or other causes results to fabrics, rugs or polished surfaces from the chemicals and they develop no gases poisonous to the operator. Closing the valve shuts off the gas and powder, and the "gun" is ready for use without any attention unless the contents have been exhausted. New cylinders are installed with little trouble and the hopper is readily refilled with powder. The outfit weighs only about twenty pounds.



Modern Substitute for the Old-Fashioned Earring, Jeweled Frame with Pendant in Center

FRAME OF JEWELS FOR EARS LATEST WOMEN'S FAD

Now that fashion has decreed that women's ears may be exposed, a jeweled ornament has been devised, a clasp shaped to conform to the ear and supporting a pendant in the center. Piercing is not necessary for wearing the trinket, and as the frame holds the weight of the center jew-

el, there is little strain on the ear. The entire piece is set with gems.

#### SICK TREES CURED BY TRANSFUSION

Transfusion operations, like those performed upon human beings, have been successfully used on diseased trees in California. solution of ferrous sulphate, placed in a bottle of reservoir at the height of the tree top, flows inte the trunk through a hose connected to a glass tube . 2 which is inserted in the tree in a hole bore nearly through it. treatment promises to eliminate certain insect and blight diseases which affect trees, and some of them bore fruit heavily. after the operation.



Blaze in Oil-Soaked Timbers Was Put Out in a Few Seconds with Gas and

695 Wide World.

Ancient Weapons in Big-Game Hunting



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WAR SCENES MOLDED IN SAND

BY CRIPPLED SCULPTOR In Sand is an effective medium under the

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fingers of a skilled western sculptor in producing realistic war scenes and other

SUN LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE IN TESTS WITH ANIMALS

Application of sun baths may prove effective in treating high blood pressure, if results attained in a series of tests on

animals by Prof. C. I. Reed of Baylor university, can be achieved in human beings. Powerful lights were directed into the eyes of animals under anæsthetics so that the beams would fall on the network of blood vessels lining them. The arterial blood pressure, it was found, was reduced as much as eighty per cent. Also, experiments were made by directing the rays upon the lining of the mouth and on the blood as it flowed through quartz tubes which had been inserted into the circulatory system of the animals. In these cases, too, an

equally marked lowering of the blood pressure was found to take place.



Sculptor and War Scene "News from Home," a Sketch of Army Trench Life Modeled in Sand on Ocean Beach

#### BAD EGGS USED IN TANNING

Eggs that are worthless so far as food value goes, are not wasted by the large dealers but are covered with kerosene after being broken, treated with boric acid and sold to tanneries for use in one of the first processes of making leather. The shells are removed by sieves and the egg mixture is placed in a revolving drum

with the raw hides to make them pliant. Hundreds of tons of frozen eggs from Siberia and China are used in this country every year for baking purposes. In general there are five grades of eggs in the big markets, the strictly fresh, "fresh seconds," "cracks," broken in transit, "leakers" which have lost part of the contents, and the last grade, those which are sold to tanners.

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studies. Although handicapped by the loss of both legs, he fashions elaborate sets on the beach, using only a few simple tools. Proper moistening and mixing give the sand the necessary consistency, and the figures last for some time in spite of winds and sun.

#### GOLF BAG THAT STANDS ERECT PROTECTS THE CLUBS

With a broad, cushioned base upon e ? which it stands upright, a golf bag is in-

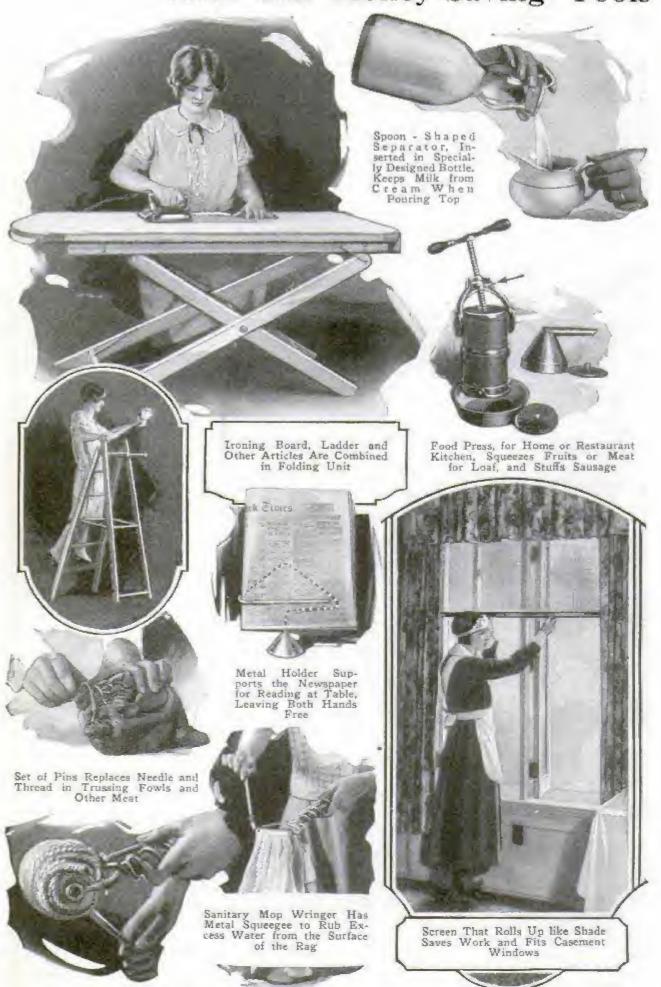
tended to prevent spilling of the clubs upon wet grasst aids the player and serves as caddv. It is carried by a handle or shoulder strap, and there is space in the botton? sufficient to hold? shoes, knickers and other equipment. The bag is waterproof, is said to. weigh less than the average kind, and the material is such that it may be cleaned by sponging with soap and water.



Golf Bag That Remains Upright When Placed on Green Keeps Clubs from Wet Grass

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# Time and Money-Saving Tools



Anyone wishing further information on devices described in the editorial pages can

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BULLET-PROOF POLICE SHIELDS

Shaped to cover all the body except the legs, a bullet-proof shield used by the Chicago police department, is strapped across



the shoulders and has a peephole of bullet-proof glass to aid in taking aim. The protector weighs but thirty pounds, is quickly adjusted and, in making raids on bandits, can be used as a portable "fort" behind which the policeman can crouch and be sheltered from bullet fire.

## OLD IDEAS ABOUT VENTILATION ODISPROVED BY TESTS

Lack of air movement, and not the genegally supposed "bad" products in the atmosphere of a closed room, is the chief menace of poor ventilation, according to tests recently completed by scientists. Their findings do not support the theory that the injury is done by poisonous respiratory substances and the so-called fatigue-producing toxins that were believed to be due to inhaling expired air. It was discovered that slight currents caused sensations of an agreeable kind, arising from a beneficial stimulus of the nerves of the skin. This effect was noticed from a breeze blowing on the cheek at the rate of less than six inches a sec-The tests showed that the higher

the temperature, the greater must be the velocity of the air to produce the sensation. In crowded or too hot rooms, a system that delivers circulating air at a somewhat lower temperature than that of the room, and at or slightly above the velocity at which it can be felt on the cheek, for instance, is regarded as most likely to give the best results.

# PLANES AND WATERWAYS TAKE PLACE OF ROADS IN SIAM\_

Protected from intruders by French and British territory, the monarchy of Siam has had opportunity to develop independently in recent years and has kept abreast, if not in advance, of some other lands, particularly in the field of aviation. A recent visitor there saw pilots perform feats equal in daring to those practiced in other countries and the airplane is used almost exclusively in eastern Siam for transportation. In other sections of the country, the waterways have been developed extensively, canals and navigable streams bearing the brunt of traffic instead of roads, which are practically unknown in some parts of the region.

# CONDENSER FOR CAR RADIATOR

Preventing loss of water or anti-freeze solutions, a condenser for the automobile circulating system, is said to afford positive protection against frozen radiators, cracked water jackets, and also to catch the alcohol fumes that otherwise are forced up into the car. It is attached to the lower end of the overflow pipe, where



it intercepts the liquids as they boil or flow over, holds them until the radiator or motor cools sufficiently, and then automatically returns them to the radiator by means of a sensitive spring. If the cap is on tight, there is said to be no loss of

water or alcohol, so that one filling of an anti-freeze solution will last an entire season. In hot weather also, the condenser is of aid, as it conserves the water supply reducing the danger of ranning dry.

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### REDUCES COST OF REMOVAL

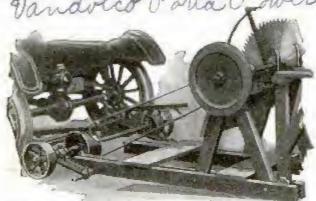
The 800,000 tons of refuse produced yearly by metropolitan London could be converted into fuel at a lower cost than is now expended for disposing of the material, an English engineer declares. His plan is to remove the tin cans, crush the refuse into powder and then press it into little bricks which will be treated with tar oil or coal to aid in ignition. On the basis of tests, it is estimated that the treatment plants could convert the rubbish into fuel at a cost of \$1.08 per ton, whereas the present disposal cost is \$1.75 per ton.

### AS A TRAILER AND RUNS IT

Power for a compact sawing unit, that does rip and crosscut work, mitering, grooving, planing and other operations, is furnished by the rear wheels of the auto,

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and when the "mill" is to be moved, it is pulled behind the car as a trailer. Power is conveyed from the car by a belt drive from small wheels which are placed in contact with those of the automobile by raising the rear axle and adjusting levers on the frame of the sawing unit. One man can connect or disconnect the saw and car in a few minutes.



Saw Attached to Rear Auto Wheels for Power; When Not in Use It Is Hauled as a Trailer



Special Reflectors in the Lamp above the Table Guide the Rays around the Hands So That They Cast No Shadow

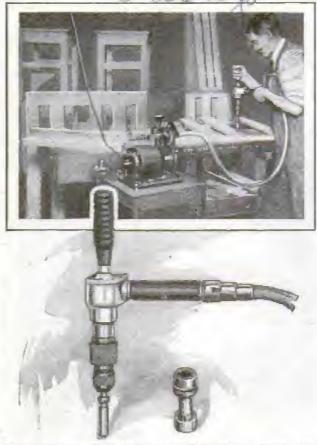
### LIGHT THAT CASTS NO SHADOW AIDS IN OPERATIONS

Surgeons performing operations, laboratory workers, engravers and others are aided by a shadowless light developed in France. The rays are reflected upon the surface to be illuminated in such a manner that the hands, or any other body held between the lamp and the working area, cannot obscure the surface by their shadows. This effect is secured by a cylindrical prismatic lens and a set of silvered reflectors adjusted around the inside of the lamp bowl which is of sheet metal. The light can be concentrated by focusing. A cover glass keeps the heat from persons below, and the shade is counterweighted so that the lamp may be tilted.

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Motor-Driven Screwdriver in Operation; Head and Nut-Setting Attachment Below

# SCREWDRIVER RUN BY MOTOR

Run by a flexible shaft from an electric motor that is supplied with current from a lighting socket, a screwdriver with a nut-setting attachment saves time and labor. A reversing switch permits easy removal of the work, and a particular advantage is that the tool may be used from almost any angle.

### EVERY AUTO BUYER GIVEN PAINT KIT

With every car sold, a Paris automobile dealer furnishes a pot of special paint and a sprayer, about the size of a fountain pen, so that scratches and mars can be touched up at once, to keep the body looking new. Pressure for applying the paint is obtained by blowing through a tube connected with the sprayer. While the preparation is specially a dap ted to may be used on fabric wh

## TRENCHES OF LIGHT AID FLYERS TO LAND IN FOGS 49-11

Glass - covered parallel trenches, which "neon" light tubes are installed, have been dug across the British landing field at Croydon to aid flyers to descend safely in fogs. The reddish glow of the lamps, it has been found, penetrates the mist more effectively than other kinds of light. Between the tubes is a "leader cable" which affects a sensitive instrument in an airplane flying above it. Having been guided to the field by radio, the pilot, after picking up the boundaries of the area by means of the cable, can circle around, gauging his altitude by means of the action of the cable on the instrument until the lights themselves are visible and the landing can be made with little or no risk of accident.

## SERVES AS MERRY-GO-ROUND

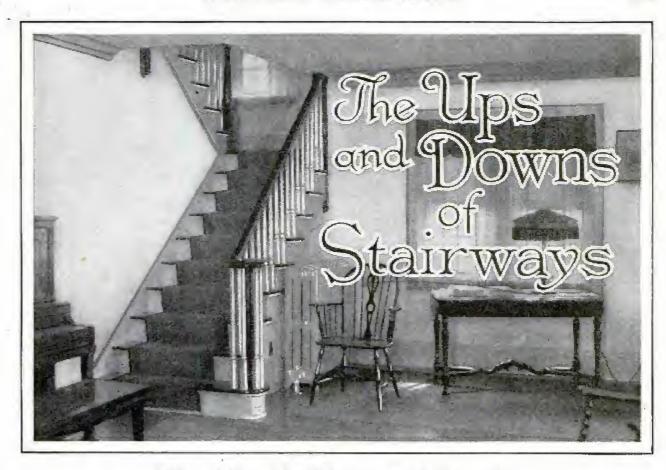
Three of the favorite amusement makers of the children's playground, slide, teeter and merry-go-round, are combined in one simple unit that is easily adjusted and saves space. The chute, which becomes the teeter board or the arm of the merry-go-round, is supported by a strong ladder, six feet long and hinged in the center, as a base for the other devices. The outfit is finished in durable varnish and packed for shipment, weighs only fifty pounds. No tools are required to set up the different units of the combination.



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### Why They Go Wrong and Squawk

By ROBERT TAYLOR JONES, A. I. A.
Technical Director of The Architects' Small House Service Bureau, Northwestern Division

STAIRS go wrong on other matters than squeaks. When they become dangerous to life and limb, the mere fact that they sound as though they might decompose under your feet is of relative unimportance. The squeaks give proof of faulty building, but convenience and

safety are matters of design.

Perhaps the most obvious thing about a stairway is how easily it may be climbed. You probably couple steepness with difficulty in climbing, but these two things do not necessarily go together. A steep stair properly designed may take less effort to mount than one that has a very low ascent. It is all a matter of proportion-the proportion of width of tread to height of riser. Make the tread twelve inches wide and the riser four inches high, and you will waste what energy you have left after climbing such a stair in curses on the designer who let you build it that way. That twelve-inch tread with an eight-inch riser may be a partial substitute for an osteopathic treatment, but if you do it enthusiastically fifty times a day with the baby in one arm, you may have to go to the hospital to recover, or else you may become too strong for your little house. Proportion is the right thing. Architects have found a simple rule of thumb that applies very well to stairs in homes. It goes like this: "Take twice the height of the riser plus the width of the tread-from nosing to nosing-and the result must lie between twenty-four and twenty-five." Thus, for a seven-inch riser, we get fourteen as the first result and this, deducted from twenty-five leaves eleven as the preferred width of tread. If a ten-inch tread is wanted, then twenty-five minus ten equals fifteen and fifteen divided by two equals seven and one-half: a ten-inch tread and a seven and one-half-inch riser is a good combination.

For the attic stairway, it may be necessary to mount quickly using an eightinch or nine-inch riser. Then the tread should be nine-inch or seven-inch respectively. Have the treads and the risers all of the same width and height throughout the flight. If there is the slightest difference, then take out an accident policy.

Accident policies are good for other things about a stair—"winders" are one of them. Winders in the main stairway of your home are an admission on the

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part of the designer that he had not the skill or intelligence or sense of fair play to serve you faithfully. We have often

SLIP HERE AND LAND HERE

No city ordinance in the country will permit a stairway like this in a public building. Why is it not just as necessary to protect the limbs of your own family in your own home?

heard of sitting on the imagination and have wondered how it was done, but we know that you can't stand on See how the treads vanish into boarding-house pie points where they come together in a winding stairway. The risers are still there! Put your foot with too much confidence on the first of these and

you may pick it up somewhat disarticulated on the fourth one below.

One thing more about design. It has to do with the head room. Not every one has a two-gallon hat, but on the head of a six-foot man it makes a fine test of the clear space above him as he trips lightly from tread to tread. Even if he can get by bare-headed without dashing his brains

on the stair wall, that restricted place ought not to give him the sense of a low bridge. It is better to have a few feet less closet space or hallway in the second story than the feeling every time you come down the stairs that you must duck your head.

There are some other don'ts about stair design, but I have given you the main ones. Just remember that it takes space to work out a stairway properly.

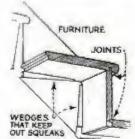
And then as to this matter of squeaks—the construction of the stairs. Midway in the building of your home they will put in a temporary stairway so as not to tire the hod carrier. The way that stair is built of planks and treads nailed to the supporting "carriages" is exactly the way not to build the finished stairway.

Properly constructed, the stairs are

part of the fittings of your home — like bookcases, china closets, and mantel pieces. That is, they are built as a unit and fitted into position after they have been assembled — like a

great piece of furniture.

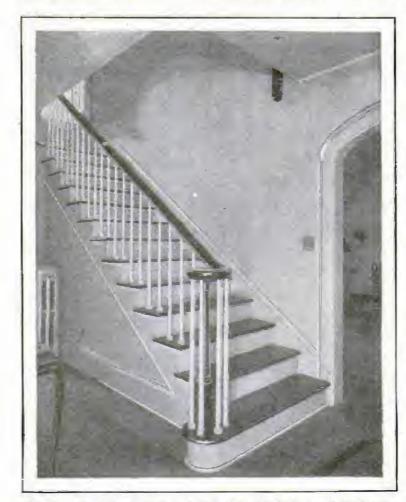
Good furniture is not nailed together. The pieces are fit-



Section through the treads and risers showing how these are set into the wall stringer and how all is made tight by means of wedges set in glue

ted into each other and made secure with wedges, blocks and That's the way to build a glue. The treads and risers should be housed together, and then they should be housed into the baseboard-called the stringer in this case—that runs along the wall at the side of the stairs. To make this last joint doubly sure, wedges are driven into the stringer and below each tread and riser. Not a nail is used-except perhaps as a temporary measure. Such a stair will not grow garrulous at the wrong moment.

What supports it? Well, it supports itself. To be sure, there are carriages below like floor joists set at an angle, but these are not connected to the treads or risers by nails. We want no nails here. If your stair goes up between walls, the carriages count only as a steadying influence. If it is open on one side, the car-



The Graceful Slim Spindles of This Colonial Stairway Add Beauty to a Home, but Construction Must Be Right to Be Safe

riages do heavy duty, for then there is no stringer to house the treads and risers into. It is evident that these carriages must be adequately supported. proper way is to run them into headers at the first floor and at the landing above. It might interest you to know that the open stairway is much more expensive than the between-walls type-it is also much finer-appearing.

Like all pieces of furniture, the open rail and balustrade of an open stair may be cheap and flimsy or sound as the rock of Gibraltar. Have you sometimes in an unguarded and trusting moment taken confidential hold of a handrail mounted proudly on spindled balusters only to feel your heart in your mouth when the railing refused to accept the responsibility and the balusters rattled castanets to the accompaniment of your knees?

Perhaps after all you did not mind your knees, having at the time a hand full of splinters.

Of course you don't wear an opera hat in the house, but you should be able to

wear it going up and down stairs even it you

are a six-footer, as uncon-cernedly as the man in

the sketch. Head room should not be less than seven feet, and seven feet six inches is better; for the six inches is better; for the six inches is better; for the six inches is better.

six feet six inches

That's all a matter of workmanship.

If a fair price was paid for that particular stair, then someone was cheated, for the balustrade and handrail do not have to be double-There is jointed. just one sound way to connect a baluster to its tread - all other ways are compromises. The lower end of the spindle is dovetailed. It

slips into the tread never to come loose. It won't rattle and it won't violate your confidence if you should happen to lean upon it.

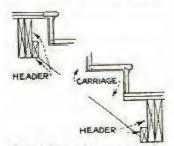
Balusters can be nailed on-that's the cheap way-or they can be doweled on. and sooner or later they will rattle and get wobbly; the one way is to dovetail them on. The nosing is doweled on over the baluster and it's there as long as the stairs last. In the old days there was a special kind of mechanic known as a



An Open Stairway Is More Costly Than One Inclosed between Two Walls, but Adds to the Attractiveness of the House

stair builder. He built stairs for keeps. He was an expert in woodworking and joinery, and he was employed on this particular bit of building because he knew how to do it best. Today much of our best stairwork is done by the woodworking mills. A least the most important parts are built up bodily at the mill and moved into the house to be set in place. Such work is often superior to the product of the old stair builder. If you mean

to have your stairway an ornament to your home, see that it is gracefully designed. And then, if you expect to have it remain long in fine condition, pay the price for good materials and workman-The stairship. way and the fireplace may be made the two



A section through stairway, showing how stair beams are permanent stair beams are permanently secured to the floor beams. The small strip at base of the headers is often omitted. It should always be used

show spots of a house and well worth the extra expenditure involved.

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One of the Police "Pill Boxes" at Memphis, Tenn., with Its Searchlight to Summon Patrolmen at Night

### SIGNAL LIGHTS TO CONTROL POLICE IN MEMPHIS

Farewell to the old-fashioned policeman. His passing is chronicled in plans adopted in Memphis, Tenn., for an electrified police department. Hail the fleet motor patrolman, the radio signal system. the powerful electric searchlight, the bomb hurlers and the automatic telephone. Two rows of electric police stations are under construction. They form an inner and an outer protective belt. Six stations are in each belt. They will be manned by six motorcycle policemen. These miniature stations are known as "pill boxes." Each is equipped with a radio-receiving set, electric searchlight on top, bomb-hurling signal device, automatic telephone and another phone of the ordinary kind. Five of the motorcycle policemen attached to each station patrol its territory. The sixth man stays at a desk in the structure. When a crime is reported, the policeman at the desk passes the alarm over the circuit. He then touches a button and the searchlight begins to revolve. That is a warning to the motorcycle patrolmen attached to his station to come in. He then makes a memorandum on a pad something like this: "Burglar in house at 41144 Riverside

Drive." Next he mounts his motorcycle and speeds to the scene of the crime, the other policemen following after reporting when they see the searchlight. If the burglar is operating during the daylight hours, the policeman in the pill box sets off the bombhurling device, and a series of aerial explosions will warn the men motoring over their terri-tory to go in. Riot alarms, calls to big fires, the flashing of escaped prisoners and information in regard to major crimes may be broadcast from police headquarters either by radio or telephone. The only foot policemen retained in the new system are the traffic men at downtown intersections.

### BIRDS MADE HELPLESS BY OIL ON SEA &

Refuse oil discharged from ships has become such a menace to birds and fish that changes in the three-mile limit regulation and other rules have been recommended by protective associations. It has been found that the

film of oil on the surface of the water coats the birds' feathers and prevents them from flying and diving for their food. It suffocates newly hatched fish as it shuts off the oxygen supply and also kills their food. Even when vessels discharge waste oils at considerable distances from ports, the substance is sometimes blown in by the winds from 100 to 200 miles away. Some ships are equipped with apparatus which separates the oil from refuse before it is poured overboard wence houts mistian

### PIPE WITH TRAP FOR NICOTINE GIVES COOL SMOKE



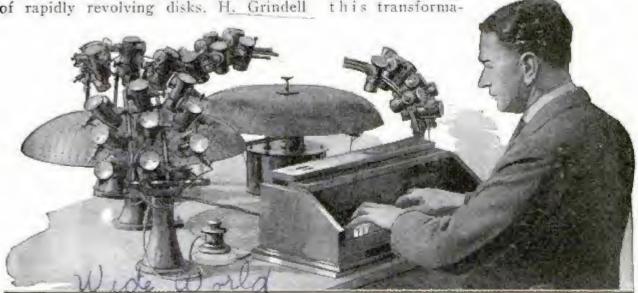
Fitted with a tubular extension below the bowl, a tobacco pipe being used in London is said to afford acool, sweet smoke, is easily cleaned and has no complicated parts to become clogged. The end of the trap is removable for quick cleansing, al-

lowing the juices and accumulated ash to drop out.

# LIGHT BEAMS PRODUCE MUSIC THROUGH WHIRLING DISKS

With a keyboard and an arrangement of rapidly revolving disks. H. Grindell

method, nitrogen is converted into a usable form by combining it with hydrogen to produce synthetic ammonia. A key agent for causing



Mr. Matthews at the Keyboard of His Apparatus to Translate Light into Sound; Beams Pass through the Perforations in the Disks Which Revolve at 400 Revolutions a Minute

Matthews, inventor of the so-called "death ray," has devised a method for translating light into music. Rays from special lamps pass through perforations in the disks and strike a light-sensitive element which produces electric waves as the illumination reaches it. These are converted into sounds that are amplified through a vacuum tube and loud speaker. The number and arrangement of the holes in the disks, which whirl at about 400 revolutions a minute, determine the pitch of the sounds produced.

of iron, aluminum and potash.

# TEST WITH FLAME SHOWS

Using a peculiar whistling note of a higher frequency than the human voice, an eastern scientist demonstrated that the vibrations could extinguish a sensitive gas flame inside a glass tube. The note vibrated 14,000 to 19,000 times per second.

### KEY TO CHEAPER FERTILIZER FOUND BY CHEMISTS 9 9

As a result of the discoveries of Dr. Frederick G. Cottrell of the department of agriculture, nitrates may now be produced at little cost almost anywhere in the United States, and without the use of electricity. This means, experts declare. that the country will be independent of waterpower plants such as that established at Muscle Shoals, where more than \$80,000,000 was spent without producing any nitrates, and the fields of Chile no longer will be relied upon when the industry is fully developed here. It is predicted that, when production is reached on a large scale, nitrates for fertilizer may be had for six to eight cents a pound. The present prices, from nine to fourteen cents, are governed chiefly by import Under Dr. Cottrell's process, which is a development of a German



Demonstrating How Vibrations Control Fire; a Gar Flame in Tube Was Extinguished by a Shrill Note

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object of the test was to discover if the apes could solve the connection between the banana and the wire and use it to extract the fruit. Another test involved suspending a banana from the ceiling, where it could not be grasped except by piling

Part of 118-Ton Steel Vault on Tackle with Which It Was Installed in Banking Rooms

### THREE HUNDRED MEN INSTALL HUNDRED-TON VAULT

Three big six-wheel trucks and 300 men were required to install a huge burglarproof vault in a Chicago bank. Specially rigged tackle was employed in lowering The vault the huge unit into place. weighed 118 tons, and a single hinge more than 13,000 pounds. The cost of installation was placed at \$40,000.

### APES USE REASON TO SOLVE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS

That the chimpanzee can solve problems hard for children of equal maturity has been shown by tests at Yale university. A long-necked bottle was fastened sideways to the floor and a piece of banana placed inside. In another part of the room, a length of hooked wire was provided within easy reach of the "subjects," two chimpanzees between two and four years old from western Africa. The

AUTO HUB LIGHT MIDS DRIVER

similar problems.

boxes of different size one upon the other. chimpanzees learned to construct a platform high enough to permit reaching the banana. Children of corresponding physical development failed to solve these and

Attached to the hub of the left front wheel of the automobile, a fourcandlepower electric light with a green lens at the side and alternate red and white glasses on the edge, produces a pinwheel effect when the car is in motion to prevent side-swiping by an approaching auto. The signal is sufficiently disc tinctive to indicate the extreme outside of the car to an oncoming driv-

er, even though he may be slightly blinded 1 by brilliant headlights. In the daytime, the lamp adds to the appearance of the car, and the light is said to be visible at-200 yards after darkness.



### Building-In the Radio Set

By EDWIN M. LOVE

Like all built-in furniture, the built-in radio cabinet illustrated saves floor room by utilizing waste space in a wall, and can be finished to match the trim of the room in which it is installed. The B and C-batteries, being slung below the cabinet behind the plaster, are properly hidden without making the case unduly large. The cabinet can be adapted to a set of almost any description, up to four or five tubes.

It consists of a simple three-sided box with a back, a pair of false side casings, and the casings mitered around the front, to which the grill door over the loud speaker and the radio-panel door, are

hinged.

The two side jambs are of 1 by 4-in. stock, sized to 3 in. in width, with the edges beveled slightly toward the back, insuring close joints with adjacent members. Cut them 3 ft. long, and 34 in. from one end, on the face side, work a dado, 34

one end, on the face side, work a dado, 34 in. wide and 14 in. deep. Nail to the other ends blocks 36 in. thick and 112 in. wide, beveled on one edge to an angle of 45°, as shown in Fig. 1.

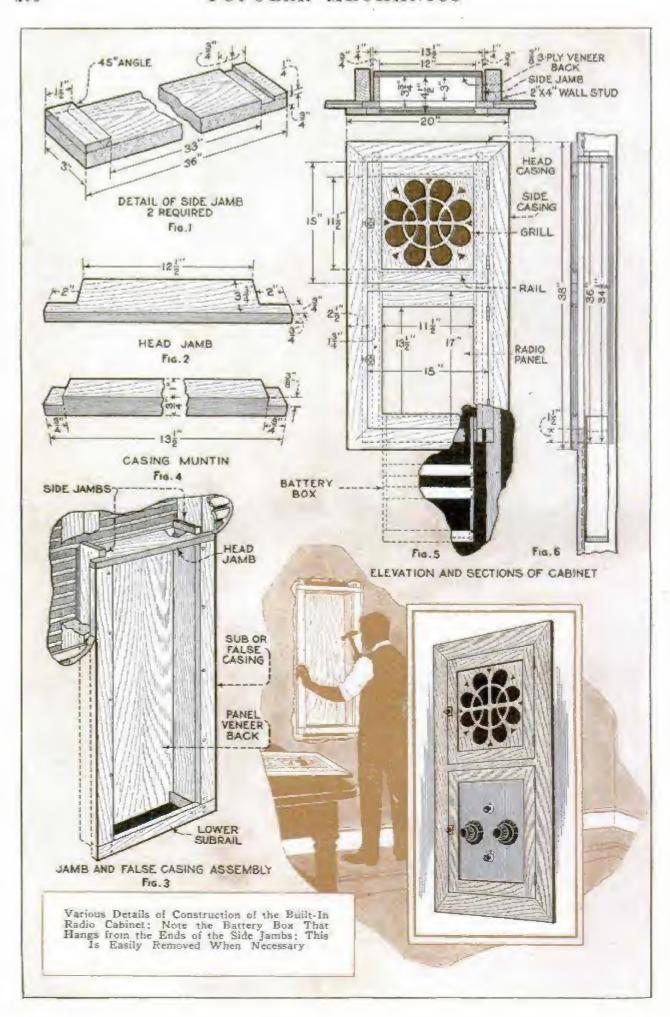
Fig. 2 shows the head jamb, which is 3¾ in. wide by 1 ft. 4½ in. long, with each end notched to form ¾ by ¾-in. projections, 2 in. long, that cross the side-jamb edges in the assembled cabinet. Cut a piece of three-ply ¾-in. pine panel veneer 1 by 3 ft., carefully squaring and jointing the sides straight. Make a lower subrail of 1 by 2-in.

stock, 14½ in. long. Assemble the side jambs with the head jamb by sliding the ends of the head into the side dados. If careful work has been done, the joint should be snug; however, if the dado is loose, drive a chisel into the groove, above the head jamb, and nail through the sides into the head-jamb ends before removing. The sides should be exactly 12 in. apart, inside. Now mark the subrail by the head jamb and nail in place across the lower ends of the sides, 2 ft. 9 in, below the head jamb. Carefully square the box and tack a diagonal strip from corner to corner to hold it until the back is nailed on.

In nailing on the back, use shingle nails driven every 4 in, at varying angles, starting at one end of the side jambs and working toward the other, so that, by moving the free ends this way or that, any crookedness can be straightened by alining with the true edges of the back. Make the subcasings of 1-in, stock, sized to 2 in,



A Built-In Radio Set Not Only Saves Space in the Home, but May Also Be Made Very Attractive, as This Illustration Shows; Left, Door Frame, Stiles and Rails



in width, surfaced and jointed straight. Cut to length, to force tightly between the projecting horns of the head jamb and the lower subrail, and nail to the jambs flush with the inside faces. Nail into the ends from the head jamb and subrail, and surface down all projecting members until the joints are flush. (See Fig. 3.)

Make a casing muntin of 1-in. stock, 1 in. wide and 131/2 in. long, as in Fig. 4. Rabbet both ends, 3/8 in. deep and 3/4 in. long, on the face side, and nail it across the false casings, as in Fig. 5, 15 in. below the head jamb. Flush with the false-casing jambs, saw off the head jamb and sub-

rail horns. Gauge a line on each false jamb 11/2 in. from the inside edge, by which to guide the side casings. The head and lower casings are flush respectively with the head jamb and subrail. Make the casings of 1-in. stock, 23/2 in. wide, rounding one corner. (See Fig. 6.) The side casings are mortised to fix over the tenons of the muntin, and the corners are

mitered. Tack these in place to make sure of the fit of the

joints, and then remove.

The rails and stiles of the two doors are all 34 in. thick and 134 in. wide. Cut the stiles I in, longer than net measurements. and mortise the edges 34 in. wide, 1 in. long and 11/4 in. deep, the distance between top and bottom mortises being 12 in, on the grill door and 14 in, on the panel door. Then rabbet the same edges 1/2 in. wide and 1/4 in. deep, as in Fig. 7.

Make the rails 14 in. long, with a tenon, 1/4 in. thick and I in, wide, worked on each end after being rabbeted. Because the face side must fit between the shoulders on the stiles, it must be cut back 1/4 in. on each end beyond the back. (See Fig. 8.) Rip the sides, rip to width, and then crosscut the sides and the edge. Fig. 9 illustrates the appearance of the assembly. Apply glue to both mortises and tenons, and clamp firmly together, protecting the edges of the stiles with blocks under the

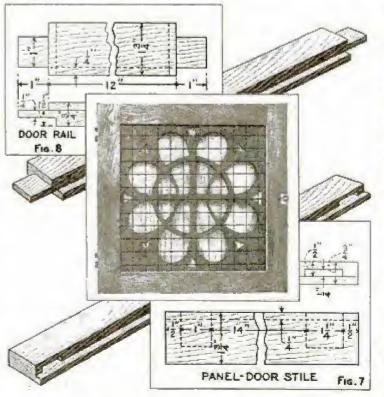
clamp jaws.

While drying, make the loud-speaker grill. Cut a piece of panel veneer, 12 in. square, and trace on it a pattern prepared as follows: Lay out a 12-in. square with lines I in, apart as in the photo below Fig. 8, and locate the design intersections as they appear in the photograph. With an irregular curve draw outline through these points. Then blacken the back of the pattern and trace on the stock. Carefully made, a pattern of one-fourth of the design can be used for the entire tracing.

Pierce each space with a 1/4-in. hole, and cut out with a coping saw. Even the inside spaces can be reached with an ordinary frame, if it is slipped through the outer spaces. Smooth the edges by drawfiling, that is, by moving the wood rasp at right angles to its length. Lightly sandpaper any ragged corners. Plane the frame joints flush, giving a diagonal cut with the grain

to avoid chipping the surface, and smooth thoroughly. Tack the grill into the rabbet with 1/2-in. brads.

To set the cabinet in the wall, choose the place by sounding for study with a hammer, lightly tapped on the plaster, and cut out full width between the studs and 3 ft. 1 in. long, having leveled for top and Chop away the plaster along lines plumbed I in. from the opening sides of the studs, and chisel out the laths. Preferably, the cabinet top, inside, should line with the tops of the doors and windows; but if this seems too high, drop the case lower. Slide it carefully in, and if projecting "keys" on the other side interfere, break them off. If the cabinet places well, lay aside and bore down through the wall plate for the lead-in; or, if an outside wall is used, simply install the cabinet and bring the lead in, and ground



through the back. Nail up the cabinet through the false casings, and nail the casings into place, after which the doors are Use 1 hung. by 11/4 - in. loose-pin brassplated hinges. placed 2 in. from the top and 21/2 in. above the bottom of each door, after having fitted the latter with less than 1/16-in. clearance all around. A simple way to locate the hinges is to block the door in place, measure the position of the top of the upper hinge and the bottom of the

lower hinge, and mark both stile and casing with the point of a pocketknife, in one thrust. Then lay the hinge halves in position and scribe around them with a knife. Mortise in the casement fasteners, but remove again before staining.

When the finishing is done, remove the grill door and cover the back with silk of the desired color, or with fine-mesh brass screen. Make a flat molding, 1/8 by 1/8 in., and miter it around the rabbet behind the grill. Lay the silk smoothly over the back and place one piece of mold by driving a 1/2-in. brad through the center. stretch the silk toward both ends, nailing the mold solidly. Repeat with the mold at

RAIL 3-PLY VENEER IRON BATTERY BOX JOINING DOOR STILE AND RAIL Fig. 11 Fra. 9 STUDS HEADER WALL OPENING Fig. 10

other two pieces, again stretching the cloth, and with the point of a knife against the slightly projecting edge of the mold, trim away the loose edges. Carefully done, this results in an extremely neat job. For the battery, build the crate detailed in Fig. 11, of 3/8 - in. stock, with side straps of galvanized iron, 1½ in. wide. Place two 45-volt batteries inside, one above the other, and blocked apart, bringing the lead wires up inside, and place the single C-battery. install. open

the panel door and slide the crate inside, allowing it to drop until its cleats grip those on the side jambs. It may be nec-essary, for clearance, to break off the plaster keys below the cabinet by the use

of a long chisel.

It is best to set the storage battery in the basement, bringing the A-battery leads through holes bored in the lower header. Mount the speaker on the upper jamb of the cabinet, by means of a small iron plate bolted to it and screwed to the jamb.

Use flexible leads from the battery, speaker, aerial and ground to the set, and cut them only as long as it is necessary

#### MATERIAL LIST

- 1 piece, 1 by 4 in, by 6 ft., pine, S4S, sanded.
  1 piece, 1 by 3 in. by 12 ft., pine, S4S, sanded.
  2 pieces, 1 by 2 in. by 6 ft., pine, S4S, sanded.
  2 pieces, 34 by 134 in. net by 6 ft., pine, S4S, sanded.
  sanded.
- piece, 36 by 4 in. by 4 ft., pine, S4S, sanded piece, 36 by 16 in. by 4 ft., 3-ply panel veneer, pair 1 by 134-in. loose-pin butts.
- small casement fasteners, piece galvanized iron, 9 by 12 in.

the opposite side, this time drawing the silk tight between the two pieces as well as stretching it lengthwise. Nail in the in order to permit the door to open fully, as any excess of wire will naturally be in the way when the cabinet is to be closed.

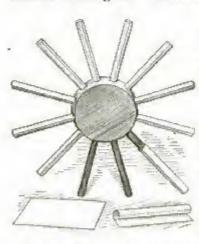
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Valve Spring Makes Good Catwhisker

The small spring at the end of a tirevalve stem makes a good catwhisker. This spring can be removed by pulling off the small cap at the end of the stem with a pair of pliers. It is a simple matter to mount it on the detector stand and solder it in place. This spring is stronger than the usual catwhisker, will keep its shape and, therefore, hold a good contact.— James Hare, Norman, Okla.

### Paper Sleeves for Spiderweb Coil Forms

Paper sleeves around the spokes of the spiderweb coil forms make it easier to remove the finished coil. This popular type of self-supporting coil is wound on a wooden form of the type shown in the illustration, and when the pegs are pulled out to release the coil, they often stick, owing to the tightly wound wire, and the coil is damaged. This can be overcome



by cutting small pieces of light paper, 1 in. wide and the same length as the pegs, wrapping one around each peg and gluingthe edge. When the coil is removed, the paper sleeves come with it and can easily

be pulled out.—Charles Latour, Jr., Plattsburg, N. Y.

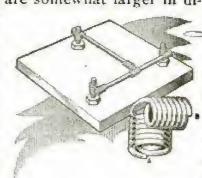
### Do Not Press Condenser Dials for Fine Tuning

Many radio fans have discovered that by simply pressing on the edge of the condenser dial one station can be tuned in and another out. This is extremely bad practice, and if persisted in will ultimately ruin the bearing of the condenser. The method is successful only where the two stations are close together in frequency and are crowded on the dial settings. A vernier, or slow motion, dial will have the same effect and will not injure the condenser. It is a tuning mechanism which will move the rotary plates of the condenser very slowly over the smallest possible distance, necessary to tune the receiver sharply and separate the stations. Spring Connector Eliminates Soldering

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A spiral-spring wire connector has lately made its appearance on the English market. The spring has two branches, bent to a right angle, the unconnected ends of which are somewhat larger in di-

ameter than the inner ones. In use, the end A is screwed down over the bolt projecting below the panel, and because of the taper of the coil, it will



fit tightly, in fact, can only be removed with a pair of pliers. The other branch, B, receives the connecting wire or busbar, as indicated. It, too, is inserted by a screwing motion. As the connecting wire is under great pressure when in position, a good electrical contact is assured. The connectors are made to fit standard busbar, wire and threads.

# Bobber Battery Gauge Gives 60 K

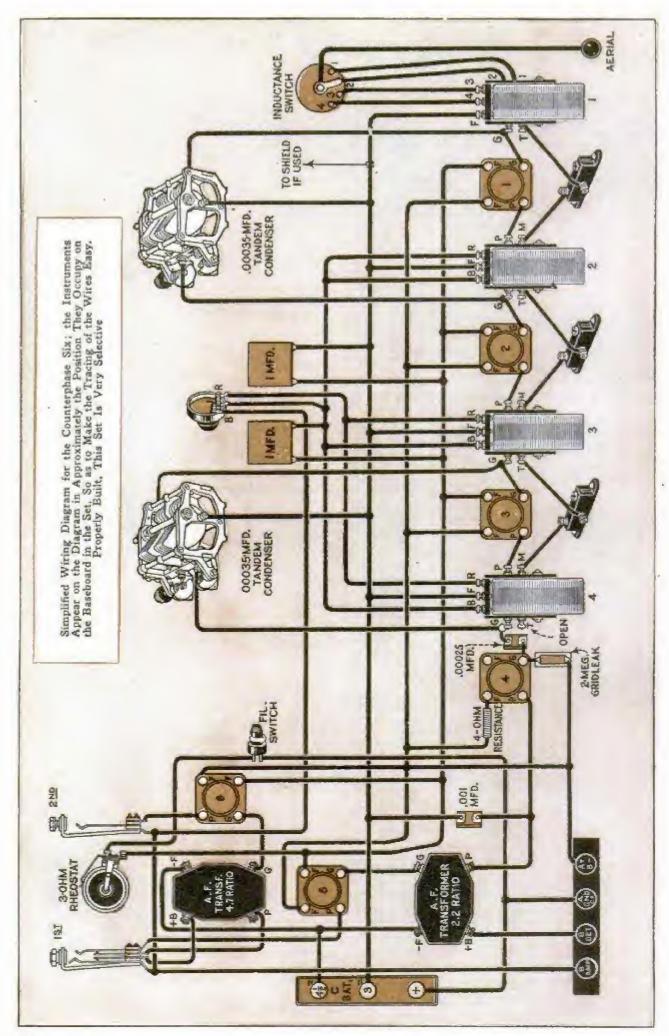
A bobber battery gauge that gives the true voltage reading of the A-battery when placed across the terminals, has lately made its appearance on the market. This method has its advantages over the hydrometer method in that there is no danger of spilling the acid solution on rugs and carpets. It is claimed that the voltage reading is preferable to specific-gravity reading owing to the fact that if

the acid solution is too strong, the hydrometer will show a good charge, while in reality the voltage or pressure would not be up to the necessary point. To test the battery with the bobber gauge, turn on all the tubes in the set, and while taking the maximum load from the battery, the reading is taken across the A-



battery terminals, showing the actual charge of the battery in voltage under operating conditions. The bobber gauge reads as low as 334 volts. When the battery is charged, the reading will be approximately 61/2 volts.

Eagle Carburetor



### This Six-Tube Set Is Highly Selective

### Counterphase Receiver Has Good Range and Volume Also, and Can Be Used on Fifteen-Foot Indoor Aerial

THIS circuit has been tested in Popular Mechanics radio laboratory along with several other circuits to find one that would meet the demand for selectivity without resorting to the superheterodyne method. During the tests we were able to bring in a number of outside stations through the Chicago ones. cutting out the locals at will, which can be said of very few circuits, other than the superheterodyne. The set is not difficult to build, and the cost low considering the results.

When the radio-amplification stages of a receiver are tuned to the same frequency, there is a tendency to oscillate.

In this set, this is prevented by a separate counterphase circuit in each stage, which is permanently regulated by means of a small adjustable condenser to suit the tube

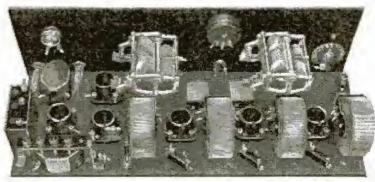
used. In or er to secure panel adjustment of the ensitivity, or tendency to oscillate, these circuits are controlled by a special double-resistance unit. Selectivity is governed by the degree of coupling between the aerial and the first coil. The inductance switch is used to regulate the number of turns through which the aerial current passes, from 2 to 25 turns as desired. The circuit is designed for the UV-201A or C-301A tubes throughout, including the detector tube. When this type of tube is used as a detector, it operates most efficiently at a low brilliancy; therefore a 4-ohm fixed resistance is placed in series with the positive detector filament. Before drilling the front panel, note the two 16-in. holes indicated by the black dots; these holes are to be drilled only if the dials specified are used. Also note the distance of the 1/2-in. holes for the condensers from the bottom of the panel. This dimension is given as 41/4 or 31/2 in., the former figure applying if B-T dials are used, and the lesser distance if ordinary dials are to be employed. The other parts required can be of any good standard make.

It is a good plan to remove the coils from the baseboard while wiring the set at other points, mounting them last so as to eliminate the danger of injuring the

coils when working around them. All wires connected to G or P-posts, as well as those connected to the stationary plates of the condensers, are high-potential: and

high-potential; and should therefore be well spaced and kept away from the other apparatus.

As will be noted in the full-page wiring diagram, the rear trimmer condensers are fastened to the tandem condensers and can be permanently adjusted as follows: The rotor plates on the rear trimmer condenser attached to the right-hand tandem condenser, which is connected to the No. 1 coil, are turned halfway in, while those of the other are turned in fully. The dials on the front panel are then adjusted so that both read 100 when the rotor plates of the tandem condensers are all in and flush with the stationary plates. Connect the 6-volt A-battery to the set:



MATERIAL LIST

1 No. 6 counterphase kit (cost \$38), consisting of 2 dials ..., \$5.00
1 type-TA coil, 2 1-mid, fixed condensers ... 250
3 type-TC coils, 1 .001-mid, fixed condenser ... 50
2 type-LD-17, B-T tandem condensers, 1 .00025-mid, fixed condenser ... 35
1 dual resistance (volume control), 1 2-meg, gridleak, with panel-mounting clip ... 25
1 4-ohm fixed resistance, 5 standard sockets ... 4.50
1 set of colored leads. 1 double-circuit jack ... 1.00
Other parts (of any good standard make, 1 single-circuit jack ... 70
total cost about \$34.26), 1 filament switch ... 50
1 bakelite or formica panel 3-16 by 7 by 24 in... \$3.36
1 wood baseboard 934 by 23½ in... ... ... 25
1 inductance switch ... 1.00
1 a.f. transformer, ratio 2.2 to 1... ... 5.00
1 a.f. transformer, ratio 4.7 to 1... ... 5.75
1 4½-volt C-battery ... ... ... 60

place tubes in the sockets; try the rheostat to see that it regulates the brilliancy of the tubes, and the on-and-off



Above, Layout of Instruments on Subpanel; Left, Front of Assembled Set

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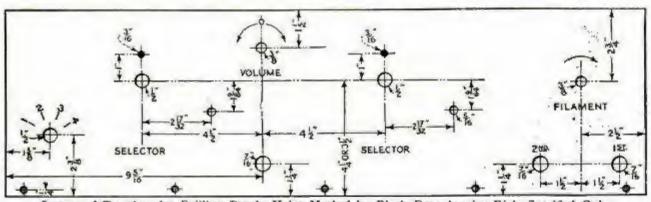
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switch also. To avoid an accident, remove the tubes and disconnect the A-battery. Connect the positive-A of this battery to both of the positive-B binding posts, and connect the A negative of the battery to the B-negative binding post. Insert the tubes: the filaments should not light. If any tube lights this indicates a wrong connection or contact at some part of the B-positive wire or apparatus connected to it. In making this test one tube can be moved from socket to socket.

To adjust the set, place the inductance switch on point 4 and the potentiometer volume control at zero; this is the position when the pointer is straight up or when, halfway between extreme adjust-

ments, the control snaps into a neutral or zero position. Rotate the tandem - condenser dials slowly, maintaining about the same dial reading on both until a signal is tuned in. Adjust the three small counterphase condensers, shown between the coils, by means of the adjusting screw that will be found on each; a long, sharpened wooden rod should be used

for turning this screw. Adjust each screw until the pointer at the end of each condenser is halfway down. Now tune in a comparatively weak signal. Reduce the brilliancy of the tubes to the point that gives the best results. Rotate the volume control (potentiometer) to the point giving the loudest clear signal. Plug the loud speaker into the second stage. The volume now should be great-Adjust the inductance ly increased. switch to various points from 1 to 4, retuning for each adjustment. Volume should decrease toward 1, but the tuning should be correspondingly sharper, and the greatest volume should be obtained at point 3 or point 4.



Layout of Template for Drilling Panel; Holes Marked by Black Dots Are for Dials Specified Only

The small counterphase condensers can now be adjusted permanently. Each must be carefully adjusted in turn, beginning with No. 3, which is next to the detector and directly back of tube No. 3. Tune in a strong signal near 40 on the dial. Remove tubes 1 and 2. Tune the signal carefully, using the trimming knobs on the front panel for maximum volume. Set the volume control at the midway or zero point. Rotate the tandem condens-er at right back and forth "across the signal," and an oscillation beat or whistle will be heard as the signal is brought in and out of tune, or oscillation may be indicated by a click. When the counterphase condenser No. 3 is properly adjusted, oscillation will not occur, and no beat or whistle will be heard. The proper adjustment is halfway between the point where oscillation stops and the point where it is again heard. Adjust the condenser to this point and leave it permanently at this position. Replace tube No. 2 and adjust the condenser back of tube No. 2 in the same manner, except that the dial on the tandem condenser at the left is rotated across the signal to detect oscillation beat or click. Replace tube No. I and adjust the last counterphase condenser No. 1 in the same manner as No. 2. on No. 1 and No. 2, it will be necessary to proceed slowly, always making certain that the station is tuned to maximum vol- of Ground Clamp Requires No Screws ume, as the counterphase-condenser adjustment changes the tuning slightly.

one or more powerful stations, it is desirminterest to radio enthusiasts. As usual, able to shield the receiver in order to ob-othe water pipe is first cleaned with a bit tain maximum selectivity, because the wiring in the set, the battery leads and the tuning apparatus pick up and deliverdirectly to the detector sufficient energy to produce an audible signal regardless of tuning. This can largely be overcome by lining the inside of the cabinet with aluminum, copper or brass, of about 243 gauge thickness. All parts of the shield should be soldered together in a single unit. All holes should be as small as possible, but large enough to prevent contact with shafts or mounting bushings of any apparatus; also see that the shield does not come in contact with any metal apes the lever closed, making a quick, positive paratus on the subpanel, except where the and direct contact. The importance of apparatus is connected to the same wire having a good ground cannot be overor lead as the shield.

Blueprints for this set may be obtained ? from the Radio department, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 200 E. Ontario st., Chi-Seasier to install in awkward places than cago. Inclose fifteen cents to cover postage and packing. Specify blueprint 105.

Moving Metal Shields Tune Crystal Set

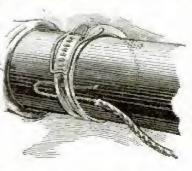
A crystal set that is tuned by moving metal plates through the magnetic field

set up by the inductance coil, has proved to be an efficient and popular receiver in England, Neither capacity, moving coils nor tapped inductancesare

used in tuning this compact set. A fixed

inductance coil of special design is tuned by letting two metal shields pass over the sides of the coil. When the set is working, the tuning coil creates a magnetic field which sets up eddy currents in the metal shields. The latter react and very sharp tuning over a wide wave band can be obtained. The metal shields are not in any way connected with the circuit used, but merely act by induction. For a wavelength outside the range of the coil in use, another coil has to be inserted; this can be done in a moment, as the coils are simply plugged in. The simple operation As the point of adjustment is quite sharp \ will appeal to persons who desire to receive broadcasting at close range.

A simple ground clamp that can be When operating a receiving set near fastened without screws is a novelty of the or more powerful stations, it is desired interest to radio enthusiasts. As usual, of sandpaper or filed bright at the point

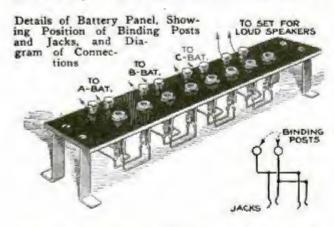


where the clamp is to be The placed. ground wire is then bent in the form of a "U," as shown in the illustration, and inserted under the clamp, the

spring is placed in the proper notch, and emphasized. Many times the inefficient operation of the set is due to a faulty ground, and with the new clamp, which is the old type requiring a bolt and setscrew, an efficient/ground is assured.

### Panel Permits Making Quick Battery Connections

Usually when one is most anxious to test a set, looking for wire and preparing it for the connections wastes time unnecessarily. The panel to be described does away with this and therefore should



prove a welcome addition to the experi-

menter's equipment.

A strip of bakelite, 1/8 by 21/2 by 12 in., is drilled for eight open-circuit jacks, as shown in the illustration. These holes are spaced 1 in., center to center, starting 21/2 in. from each end. About 1/2 in. above these holes, directly over jacks Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7, eight holes are drilled for the binding posts, in pairs: Each set of two jacks and one pair of binding posts are connected in parallel. In this way there will be three connections available for each battery and three separate ones for the horn, or for any other purpose.

By having two jacks for each battery circuit it is possible to take off two separate pairs of wires, while the binding posts make a permanent battery connection, and can be used for the set in regular use without disturbing that circuit while testing other sets. The panel takes the place of extra binding posts that so often clutter up the work table, and can be mounted under, or flush with the table, as desired, so that all wires will be under the table or workbench. The mounting brackets need not be used if the panel is to be mounted flush with the edge of the table, in which case a piece slightly smaller than the panel may be cut out of the table, and the panel then mounted by means of wood screws. Since there are eight jacks, an equal number of plugs should be provided; connect each plug to a standard 6-ft. telephone switchboard cord, or common lampcord, the free ends of which are connected to the set to be tested. The wire that is connected to the point on the plug should be positive in all circuits; hence it is necessary that this point also make contact with the positive side of all jacks. The free ends of the wires should then be marked for polarity with tags, or painted red for positive and black for negative.—C. Reberger, Roselle Park, N. J.

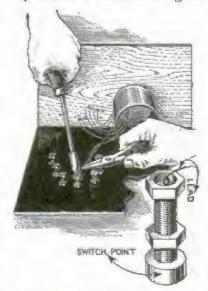
### Good Horn Extension Made from Old Appliance Cord

An ordinary appliance extension cord makes an excellent horn or phone extension for the radio set. The separable plug is pulled apart, and the screw plug is screwed into the socket at the other end of the cord. The free wires are then connected to the output terminals on the set. The phone or horn-cord tips are pushed into the two holes in the plug, where they are tightly held by the springs inside. With this extension, the phones or horn can be taken into an adjoining room without disturbing the set.

### Handy Method of Soldering Leads to Switch Points

A handy method of soldering leads to switch points is shown in the illustration. In soldering these leads considerable difficulty is often experienced in securing a

good joint without smearing the threads with This solder. can be avoided and a firm connection neatly made by starting a nut on the end of the switch point, just far enough for the threads to catch. The wire is then



scraped free of insulation and a small loop is made on the end of the lead. A trace of soldering paste is touched on the surfaces to be joined, and a little solder is dropped in the cup formed by the nut and the end of the switch point. The looped end of the wire is forced into this cup and held in place, while the soldering iron is applied, until the joined surfaces are thoroughly heated. After the iron is removed, the lead is held in position until the solder has set.

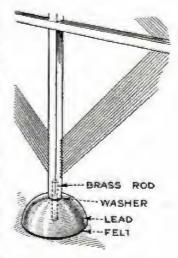
### Number of Plates in Variable Condensers Does Not Indicate Capacity

To classify condensers by the number of plates instead of the maximum capacity at which they are rated, is like marking batteries by their size instead of the voltage they are designed for. A 23plate condenser may have any capacity from zero to infinity, depending on the size of the plates, the thickness of the dielectric, and other factors. This method of specifying condensers by the number of plates rather than the rated capacity originated in the early days of radio, and many manufacturers labeled their condensers in this manner. The public learned to call for a 23-plate condenser when they wanted one with a maximum capacity of .0005 mfd. This rule-ofthumb method will not answer in present-day delicately balanced receivers, and all manufacturers are now marking the rated capacity of their products without regard to the number of plates.

### Stable Base for Home-Built Loop

A handy base for the home-built loop can be made of lead formed in the shape shown in the illustration. Making a base which is both good-looking and solid is often a problem, and is usually only partially solved by using a large, flat piece of wood. The objection to a base of this sort is that it is not sufficiently heavy to make the loop stable. The lead base looks good and holds the loop firmly. It is made in a plumbers' ladle by melting enough lead to fill it two-thirds, and after cooling, taking it out and filing all surfaces smooth. Glue a layer of soft felt on the flat side. Drill a hole in the mid-

dle of the top, a trifle smaller than the circular brass rod that is used as the connector between the base and the upright of the loop. Drive the rod into the hole, leaving out the required length, which is usually about 3 in. Before setting the loop on the base, a nickelplated washer should be



slipped over the rod. This base is naturally quite heavy, which is an advantage

rather than a fault. The lead base can be decorated as desired. Gold or silver radiator paint gives a pleasing finish, for ordinary black enamel can be used, which gives a glistening surface matching the radio panel.

## Sockets and Adapters for Use with UX and CX-Tubes

The new UX and CX-tubes have longer prongs than those on earlier types and push directly into the socket without the cus-



Sockets for the New UX and CX-Tubes and Adapted for Use in Standard A-Sockets

tomary turn as necessary with the bayonet sockets. Most of the new tubes, how ever, will fit in the old-type sockets with the exception of the new types replacing the UV-199 and C-299, the bases of these tubes having been changed so that the tubes are interchangeable in the new standard sockets. It will be remembered that the plate and grid of the UV-199 and C-299 tubes were placed at opposite corners of the old sockets. The new bases arrangement of these tubes is now identical with that of the standard A-type bases. These tubes can be used with the old-type A-sockets, by means of the adapter shown in Fig. 2. This standardizing of bases and sockets makes changing from dry cell to storage battery tubes an easy matter. The socket shown in Fig. 1 is designed to take the old or standard tubes as well as the new types. Fig. 3 shows the new socket in simple form: being small and compact, it takes up very little room on the subpanel. There are several advantages in this type of socket; the tubes goes in easily without risk of breaking the glass tube loose from ther base, as often happened when turning the tube in the bayonet-type socket. Good connection between the prongs on the tube to the socket contacts is assured, eliminating a common fault found in the old sockets having spring contacts.

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Double Loop Acts as Booston for Outside Aerial



different circuits.

### How to Change Sets to Suit Alternating-Current Tubes

In order to use the new a.c. tubes on any standard sets several changes are necessary in the wiring of the circuit. These changes consist in discarding the present filament circuit, and connecting all the negative filament terminals on the sockets to a common busbar. Both filament terminals can be connected to the busbar if desired; this adds strength to the assembly, and the dead post can be connected along with the negative line. This busbar then becomes the cathode lead, and is considered as the filament lead of an ordinary tube. A 41/2-volt Cbattery is necessary in the grid return of all the tubes, except the detector. The detector grid return is run direct to the cathode lead. The positive terminal of the C-battery is connected to the cathode lead. The negative terminal is connected

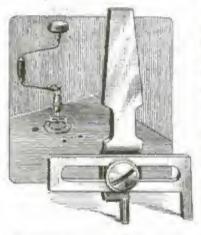
to the grid return of all the tubes except A double loop of novel design has late.

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It is claimed volts can be used on the plates of the that this loop amplifiers, and from 45 to 90 volts on the the detector. The negative B-lead is also greatly in - plate of the detector. Never connect creases the the 110-volt a.c. circuit to the tubes ex-range and se-lectivity of the When using from one to three tubes the set, and that it transformer should be connected for 4 can be used volts; for four or five tubes, connect the either with or transformer for 5 volts; over five tubes. without an connect for 6 volts. Never use higher outside aerial, voltage. The transformer should be not on sets having less than 75-watt, otherwise it will heat two or more excessively and burn out. The connectubes. The tions from the transformer secondary to feature of the the heater terminals, should be made with device is the not less than No. 14 wire, or flexible inside loop, which remains ode heaters are all connected in parallel. It is tationary the transfer of the heater terminals, should be made with not less than No. 14 wire, or flexible stranded wire of similar size. The cath-ode heaters are all connected in parallel. This is done by running two leads from while the out the transformer secondary to busbars side loop remounted on the upper rear of the front volves. The panel. These busbars can be mounted on loop satisfact the panel by means of bakelite blocks, or torily replaces bakelite binding posts. Flexible leads are the outside \soldered to the bushar wires, and conthe outside aerial on all types of sets tubes, by means of clips. Keep the a.c. supply transformer at least a foot away from the set, otherwise a hum may be booster with an outside aerial surprising the busbars, or heater leads, should be provides for a variety of connections for different circuits.

### Adjustable Tool Bores Meter Holes

An adjustable tool for cutting large holes in panels for meters, tube sockets,



bezels, and other instruments, has lately made its appearance on the market. It is designed to 🕔 cut mounting holes in either bakelite or hard-rubber The panels. adjustment provides for holes from & 38 to 3 in. in

diameter. On holes 3/8-in. or larger, the sizes commonly used for one-hole mounting instruments, the cutter is claimed to do neater work than a twist drill. The tool fits in an ordinary garpenters' brace.

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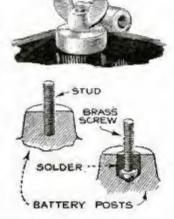
### Success with New Hookups Depends on Parts Used

When trying out new circuits, follow the diagrams and specifications carefully. If this is not done, you will probably not get the best results from the set. Usually the designer has carefully selected the parts that work best in that particular hookup, and any deviation will give poor reception. Many parts, such as sockets, rheostats, jacks and fixed condensers, are now standardized so that any good make will do, but this does not apply to other components, such as coils, a.f. and r.f. transformers and specialized parts; these must conform to the needs of the individual circuit. Other parts may be similar in appearance and yet totally unsuited for that particular circuit. For example, in Popular Mechanics superheterodyne, condensers are specified in which the plates are not connected to the shaft. If another condenser is used, having the rotor plates fastened to the shaft, the rotor must be grounded to prevent howls. If this is neglected, as is very apt to occur, no grounding wire being shown in the circuit, the builder will have trouble, and may blame the set, when the fault is in using the wrong condensers.

### Handy Battery Connector Made of Machine Screw and Wingnut

A brass machine screw and wingnut mounted in the terminals of a 6-volt automobile storage battery, make an ideal connector for this type of battery, which usually comes with tapered cable connec-

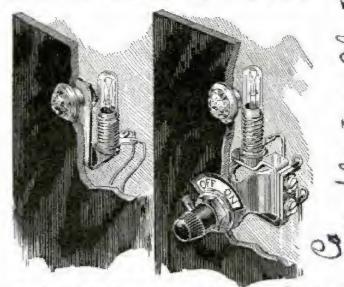
tions that are unhandy for radio purposes. Two methods are suggested for mounting the machine screw. The lower illustration shows a brass machine screw with a round head; a hole is drilled in the terminal, slightly larger than the head and of a



depth to leave an end above the terminal for the wingnut. The hole around the screw is then filled with solder. The illustration above shows a brass machine screw stud mounted in a hole threaded to receive it. Either method is effective and makes a good permanent connector.

# Pilot Light on Panel Saves Tubes and Batteries

A pilot light on the panel is an everpresent reminder that the set is in operation, and that tubes and batteries are be-



Two Ways of Mounting Pilot Light on Panel, Either with Lens and Lamp as a Unit or Separately

ing needlessly used, if there is no station on the air. Handy lights of this type, which can be operated on the A-battery line, have been marketed lately. They can be used with any type of switch. In the arrangement at the left in the illustration, one hole is drilled in the panel to take the jeweled lens and a locknut at the rear holds the lamp bracket in position. At the right the lamp bracket is shown in combination with an on-and-off switch, and the lens is mounted separately above the switch, which also makes a very neat-looking assembly.

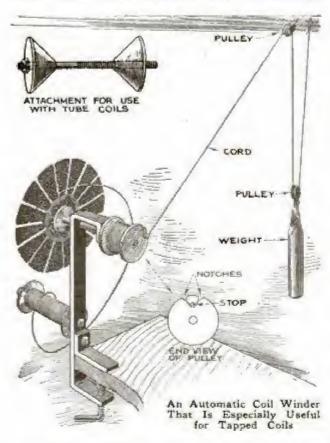
### Cleaning Crystals

Crystals that apparently have lost their sensitive spots can be cleaned and restored to their former effectiveness by placing them in a small bottle containing ether. Commercial ether will do for this purpose. Shake the bottle vigorously, and then remove the crystal with a pair of tweezers; do not touch it with the hands. It will quickly dry in the air, and when replaced in the set will often give as good results as when new.

(IOn radio sets that are equipped with a potentiometer there is enough leakage across the potentiometer when the set is not in use to cause the A-battery to discharge much more rapidly than usual. Therefore, the A-battery should always be disconnected when the set is not operating.

### Semi-Automatic Coil Winder Simplifies Tapping

A coil winder that leaves the hands free for guiding the wire can be built from odds and ends around the workshop.



Tubular, spiderweb and diamond-weave coils can be wound on the device, and the number of turns automatically checked.

It is not necessary to make the clamp frame shown; the iron upright can simply be bent at the bottom and screwed to the table, and this will simplify it somewhat, although the clamp fixture is handy. The stock used for the frame should be about 1/4 by 1-in. iron or steel. The shaft is made of 3/8-in. round steel, threaded at one end to screw part way into a wall flange and fastened with a pin or set-The flange supports the small wooden blocks used to hold the coil forms: holes are drilled in the center of the blocks for a bolt that screws into the threads in the flange. For the tubular coils a separate attachment is used, made as shown in the detail. A pin to carry the wire spool is riveted near the bottom of the upright.

On the other end of the shaft is fastened a spool-shaped wooden pulley, 1½ in. in diameter. The shaft is revolved by means of a heavy string or chalk line, wound around the spool and then rigged around two pulleys and fastened to the ceiling, as shown. The lower pulley carries a sash weight, which, as it drops, supplies the power to operate the device. The length of the string, of course, depends on the number of turns desired on the coils. Into the outer side of the pulley, about ½ in. below the edge, a pin is driven, and on either side of the pin a notch is cut in the edge of the spool.

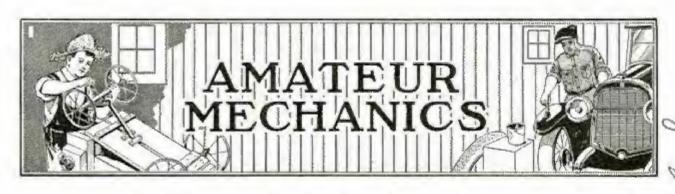
Suppose we have to wind 60 turns of wire on a coil in the winder. The weight is down and there are some turns of line on the spool. Lead the line through one of the notches and loop it around the pin. then lead it back through the other notch and wind on 60 turns of the line. This, of course, draws up the weight. When the 60 turns have been wound on, the line may be hooked over the pin again to hold the winder stationary, and the wire started on the coil. Now, when the last loop of the line is thrown off the pin the winder will start to revolve and will keep on until the first loop around the pin is

reached, when it will stop.

For tapping, the line is wound on the spool in the same manner, leading the line through the notches and looping it over the pin in the same way as before wherever a tap is to be taken off. It must be remembered, however, that as the string winds off from the outside of the spool and the wire is wound on the coil starting from the inside, the stops for the taps must be arranged in the reverse order when winding the cord on the pulley. For example, if a 60-turn coil is to have taps at the thirteenth and thirtyfifth turns, the first loop made on the pin, when winding on the line, will be the one for the thirty-fifth tap, and the loop will be made at the thirty-fifth turn of the line on the spool: the next loop, for the thirteenth tap, will be made at the fortyseventh turn of the line. The winder will then stop automatically as the loops are reached. When winding, let the wire slip through the fingers of one hand and press it in place on the form with the fingers of the other. The winder can be stopped and held at any point by slipping a wide rubber band over the line on the pulley,-James B. Hays, Boise, Idaho.

#### Glass Towel Rod Is Good Insulator

To use a glass towel-rack rod as an aerial insulator, notch the rod at each end with a three-cornered file for fastening the wire. As the rod has a highly polished surface, it makes an ideal insulator, and being usually of heavy glass, it will stand the strain.



### A Homemade Refuse Burner

By A. J. R. CURTIS

In thickly built-up residential districts and in localities where alleys are not available, refuse burners prove a great convenience in disposing of rubbish and trash. The design for the concrete burner shown in the accompanying illustration is one which may be depended on for the disposal also of a considerable amount of garbage, provided there is always an excess of paper and other odorless free-burning material. An excessive proportion of pure garbage will create unpleasant odors and therefore should be avoided.

The burner consists of a concrete box, 3 ft. 8 in. square and 4 ft. 1 in. high (above ground) in outside measurements. The walls are 6 in. thick, and extend 1 ft. below the ground. The roof slab is

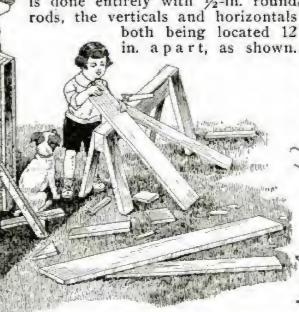
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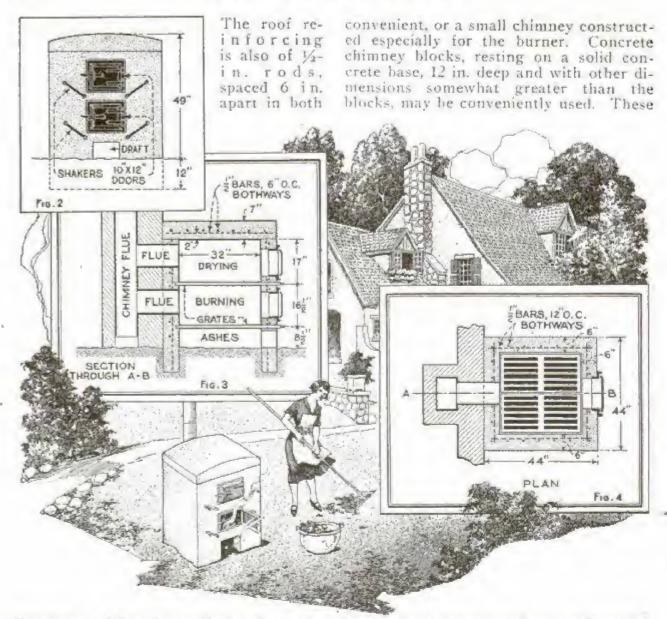
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in. thick. Plain wooden box forms may be used inside and outside. In putting these forms together, the nails should be left protruding slightly to permit easy withdrawal in disassembling. The inside form, particularly, should be well oiled or soaked to prevent swelling caused by the absorption of moisture. The various rectangular openings are made by fastening small box forms between inner and outer main forms as the concrete is placed to the lower level of each opening. See Fig. 1. Similarly, the flue openings may be made circular, if preferred, by inserting short sections of stovepipe between forms. The openings through which the grate-shaker arms protrude are formed by inserting short sections of 1-in, iron

pipe. Concrete made of 1 part cerment to 2½ parts of sand and 3 parts of pebbles or crushed stone is recommended. The footing is placed in a shallow trench, and vertical reinforcing rods are then placed in position. The reinforcing is done entirely with ½-in. round rods, the verticals and horizontals both being located 12



Method of Building Form for Homemade Incinerator; Note Boxes for Door Openings and Pipe Inserts for Shaker Handles



directions. After the vertical rods are in place, the horizontals may be wired in position as convenient.

The concrete should be just wet enough to flow nicely into all parts of the mold under light tamping. The forms are removed as soon as possible, any blemishes are immediately touched up with a similar mixture, and the entire surface scrubbed or painted with a creamy mixture of cement and water. The outer forms may generally be removed the day following the placing of the concrete, to permit surface finish. Inner forms may remain longer. Should any portion of the inner form become tightly wedged in, beware of straining the green concrete to remove it; it is far better to let it remain until burned out.

The doors and grates required for the refuse burner may be obtained by ordering (specifying dimensions) from any local hardware dealer. The flues may be attached to a house or other chimney if

blocks have tongue-and-grooved mortar joints, and are easily laid in cement.

If a monolithic (cast in place) chimney is preferred, it may be made of 1:2½:3 concrete and lined with chimney-flue lining or cull sewer-pipe sections, which are conveniently used as an inner form.

### Replacing Watch Ribbons

In renewing wrist-watch ribbons, it is sometimes difficult to pass the ribbon, especially if heavy and readily frayed,



through the narrow slots in the hook and clasp. It can be done easily in the following way, however: Fold a narrow strip of pa-

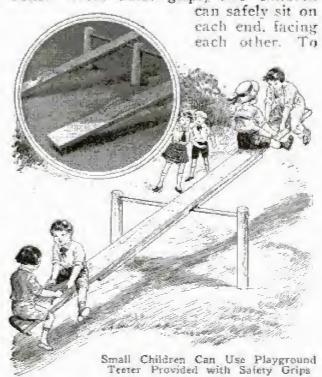
per, about 2 in. long, and the width of the slot, in the middle. Tuck the ribbon end inside of the paper, and pass the folded end of the paper through the slot. The ribbon will readily follow the paper, if pushed slightly.—Richard C. Tarr, Gloucester, Mass.

### Case for Tail-Light Lamp

A strong casing for a spare tail-light lamp can be made of an empty 10-gauge shotgun shell. The lamp is wrapped in a rag and is placed in the shell, bulb first, the ends of the rag hanging out at the open end. When it is desired to remove the lamp for use, it is pulled out by the ends of the rag. The shell is stiff enough to stand ordinary handling and the lamp, thus protected, can be carried in the tool box without much risk of breakage, unless, of course, a jack, or some other heavy tool, is placed above it.—E. T. Gunderson, Humboldt, Iowa.

### Hand Grips Make Teeter Safe

In order that smaller children might enjoy a big seesaw as well as the older ones, the athletic director of a western school provided each board with the handgrips shown. Lengths of ½-in, iron rods were bent to the shape shown and the ends flattened and drilled for ¼-in, bolts. With these grips, two children



prevent rusting, the rods should be tinned or painted.—Dale R. Van Horn, Walton, Nebraska.





Semi-Automatic Windshield Wiper Which Does the Work Satisfactorily and Cost Only a Few Cents

### Semi-Automatic Windshield Wiper

My Ford had only the ordinary windshield wiper operated by hand. This was rather inconvenient and tiresome, so I rigged up a semi-automatic attachment which proved entirely satisfactory. I took about 6 in, of spring from an old shade roller and fastened it to the right side of the windshield. Then I fastened the other end to the knob of the wiper. regulating the tension so that the wiper would be pulled over quickly. A pulley in the upper left-hand corner, through which is run a stout cord fastened to the knob, completes the device. When it rains, I loop one end of the string around my hand and when the windshield needs wiping, a downward sweep of my hand pulls the wiper over and when I let go the spring pulls it back again. The cost was only 10 cents for the pulley.-Dr. E. W. Henke, Newark, N. J.

## Protecting Small Articles against Rust

Screws, nails and other small iron articles will resist moisture and consequently rust if they are tumbled about when new and dry, in a pan of powdered rosin. If slightly warmed before shaking, a fine coating of rosin dust will adhere to the surface of the metal.



Handy Typewriter Shelf Which Hangs on Bureau Drawer Is Useful in the Home

### Convenient Typewriter Shelf

A bureau drawer can be used to support a typewriter shelf by means of two flat-iron hangers, as shown in the illustration. The shelf is a 1-in. board, about 12 in, wide and of such length that it may be put in the drawer when not in use. A blacksmith or hardware dealer can bend the flat-iron hooks to the shape re-Two holes are drilled in them quired. for woodscrews to hold the shelf. Strips of felt are glued on the underside of the hooks to prevent scratching or marring the front of the drawer. It is not advisable to put a heavy standard-size typewriter on such a shelf, but for portable machines up to 20 lb. in weight, it is entirely practical, and such a typewriter can also be put away in the drawer.-Mary E. Hopkins, New York City.

### Blueprint-Toning Solutions

Some drafting rooms use hydrogen peroxide in water as a blueprint toner. When this is added to water, it makes a solution that brings out deep blues and clear whites on prints that have been overexposed. Another equally good toning solution can be made by dissolving two teaspoonfuls of potassium-bromide crystals in a gallon of water; after toning, wash the print in clear water.

### How to Smoke Fish Properly

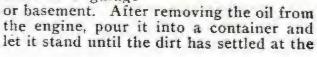
Usually, in smoking fish, the smudge or fire is built inside the smokehouse, which makes it necessary to open the door every time a fresh supply of fuel is added. A far better method is to locate the smokehouse so that it will be a little higher than the surface, on which a sheetiron stove is placed, so that the pipe from the latter will enter through the bottom of the house.

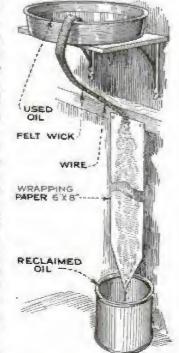
The usual method of smoking fish is generally unsatisfactory, so much so that it should be condemned. By merely smoking the fish, as is usually the case, it is not cooked through, but is half raw. After two days of smoking, as directed, through the sheet-iron stove, next build a fire inside the smokehouse, the fuel being hardwood or ash that is thoroughly dry, so that the most heat and least smoke will be given off. The result of a day or two of this firing will be a thoroughly cooked product that is perfectly palatable. The fish should be arranged at least six feet above the fire.-Robert Page Lincoln, Minneapolis, Minn.

### Reclaiming Oil in Small Quantities

Old crankcase oil contains a large percentage of gasoline and dirt. If the gas is evaporated from the oil, and the dirt and fine particles, which accumulate from the constant wearing of the parts of the en-

gine, are removed, the oil is as good as new. Oil companies are now saving the oil which they take out of automobile engines and reclaiming it in a wholesale man-Although most automobile owners are not especially interested in reclaiming oil, there is a method of doing it in a small way which is simple and practical. The work should be done in a place protected irom dust and dirt, such as a garage





bottom. A flat vessel, 3 or 4 in. high and large in proportion to its height, should be used for this purpose, to give the greatest possible surface for evaporation of the gasoline that is mixed with the oil. Place a felt wick in the oil, clipping it to the edge of the pan so it cannot slip out; wind it with wire at the lower end, and hook a strip of ordinary wrapping paper, 5 or 6 ft. long and 7 or 8 in. wide, on the end, as shown in the drawing. Underneath the strip of paper place a jar to catch the oil as it seeps over the paper. From a pint to a quart of oil may flow over the paper in 24 hours. For rapid evaporation of the gasoline, a temperature of about 80° F, should be maintained.—Ruth Wilson, Manhattan, Kans.

### Handy Cabinet for Toaster

A convenient compartment for the electric toaster, that is attached to the underside of the dining-table top, is shown in the illustration. A small wooden cabinet was made, and a piece of fairly heavy wood used to fasten it to the brace underneath the table top, and also to carry a flat-iron bracket from which the toaster support was suspended. A similar bracket was attached to the underside of a small board on which the toaster frame was fastened, and curved links, two on either side, were made of the necessary

shape and length to clear the table edge and elevate the toaster to when it was used, as shown by the dotted lines. The top and sides of the cabinet were cut out to clear the table brace. A latch, not shown in the illustra tion, was used to lock the

toaster support when
up. The cabinet was
provided with a door,
which was closed when the
toaster was lowered. This arrangement allows full use of
the table top for regular service, and yet the toaster can be brought

into play at any mbment.

Novel and Convenient Arrangement for Toaster underneath Table Top



Adjustable Handle Facilitates Work of Boring Shallow Wells by Hand

### Adjustable Well-Auger Handle

In farm wells whose depth does not exceed 30 to 50 ft., the pipe is usually set into a hole bored with a hand auger to the first gravel stratum. These augers are connected to the end of a ¾-in. pipe and a handle is screwed onto the top end to turn the auger. When adding lengths of pipe as the boring progresses, the handle often comes above the operator's reach, so that a raised platform is

This can be avoided by making an adjustable handle from two old auto connecting rods as shown. The

crank - bearing caps are removed and the two rods are bolted together so as to grip the pipe as indicated. Handholds can be made from pieces of an old hay - fork handle, bolted to the ends of the rods. As boring progresses, the handle is shifted to be within easy reach. 933 a. Buren & bandards Circular Hy

Removing Ink Stains

MOST ink stains on household materials and clothes can be removed in the home, but it should be clearly realized, at the start, that differences in the materials have a good deal to do with the fastness of the stains, and therefore with the ease with which they may be removed. For example, an ink stain on cotton cloth might be removed by using soap or a little soap and water, while a spot of the same ink on a light-colored wool could be removed only by the use of acids, with a

great risk of permanent damage to the cloth itself. The different kinds of ink would also necessarily take different methods for the removal: thus an iron-tannin ink would be treated differently from a red ink. and both would be treated differently from an ink made from a soluble Prussian blue. such as is used in most safety and anti-fraud inks. The most that can be done, therefore, is to give a few general

directions.

The first thing to do is to remove the stained fabric from the action of strong light. Sunlight, contrary to popular belief, will

not fade ordinary black writing inks, but will set the stain so as to make its removal very difficult. Stains made by red, violet and green inks, on the other hand, may be removed almost entirely by rinsing with water and exposing the fabric to the action of bright sunlight.

If the stained piece is large, or cannot be treated as a whole because of its size or because of the possibility of changing the color of surrounding parts, separate the stained part from the rest of the piece

by clamping it in an embroidery frame. If this is not at hand, a satisfactory substitute may be made by clamping the stained part over the top of a mason jar by means of rubber bands or several turns of string.

First remove as much of the stain as possible by treating it with tepid water. Then pour warm or fairly hot water through the cloth. Next try the action of warm so a p solution, working the fabric gently with the tips of the fingers or with a soft-bristle

brush. In many cases stains can be removed by means of these simple methods. If the stain does not come



Fastening the Stained Portion of the Cloth over a

out there are a number of things that may be tried, those least likely to injure the fabric being named first.

For white goods, soak the stain in warm milk. Sour milk, or milk soured by the action of vinegar, will usually work better on most stains.

Treat the stain with lemon juice, preferably warm, by pouring the juice through the cloth held in the embroidery frame or over the mason jar, as previously

described. Make a paste of lemon juice and salt and apply it to both sides of the fabric, allowing it to stand for some time. Remove



Above, Pouring Tepid Water through Stain; Left, Souring Milk for Obstinate Stains

the layer of salt and rinse the fabric. Sometimes, after this treatment, a faint stain may still be seen, which can be further reduced by the action of bleaching-powder solution.

Soak the spot in a cup of milk to which has been added several tablespoonfuls of kerosene. For articles that can be put through a regular washing process, this will be found one of the most effective methods. Goods that cannot be washed, or that will hold the kerosene and show a grease stain, should, preferably, be treated by one of the other methods, or, if the milk-and-kerosene treatment has been used, they should be given a washing in clean gasoline or benzine. The latter must be used with extreme care because of their inflammability. Professional

cleaners make use of various strong acids and other chemicals, such as oxalic acid and hydrochloric acid, and when these are applied by persons experienced in their use they do good work. They are poisonous, however, and should be handled with great care in the home, and they are very injurious to the fabric unless they are removed completely after the treatment. Goods treated with these acids should be rinsed in several changes of clean water and finally in water to which has been added a small amount of soda or



Lemon Juice Alone, Prefetably Warm, Will Often Remove Stubborn Stains and a Mixture of Salt and Lemon Juice Is Also Effective; Working Soap Solution with a Soft-Bristle Brush

ammonia to neutralize the effect of the acid. For blue-black inks, use ammonia and oxalic acid alternately. For purple,



Ink Stains on Varnished Surfaces Are Removed by Rubbing with Fine Polishing Powder

blue, red, etc., use potassium permanganate and oxalic acid. For printing and India inks, sponge with a cloth dipped in carbon tetrachloride.

Stains on varnished woodwork can often be removed with very little damage to the finish by first moistening the spot with water and then rubbing the stain with a piece of cloth dipped in one of the fine-grained commercial polishing powders capable of polishing silverware and glass without scratching. The rubbing should be done with care, and the soapy layer containing the ink be removed with clean water before it has had time to dry. A second application may be found necessary, but the two will usually be enough. Fine pumice or rottenstone (powdered), which may be obtained from the local paint dealer, may also be used, and will not injure the finest surface

#### Choked Mufflers Cause Trouble

A rather unusual car trouble was found to be caused by a choked muffler. The engine seemed to run properly when the speed was slow, but if the speed was increased the engine would stop in

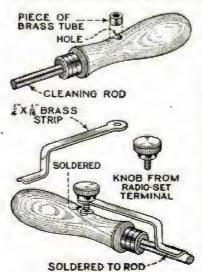
a short time. After the carburetor had been taken apart and cleaned, the valves ground and reseated and several gaskets replaced, without noting any improvement, the trouble was finally found to be in the muffler, which had only small openings for the exit of the exhaust gas. These were partly closed by an accumulation of carbon, which caused back pressure. At low speeds the gas had sufficient time to pass through these small openings, but at high speeds the gas was forced into the muffler from the engine quicker than it could get out. As soon as the muffler was cleaned, the trouble was over. -Mrs. F. G. Coleman, Kansas City, Mo.

### Screen for Magic Lantern

Magic lanterns showing slides and projectors for opaque pictures are quite common. To get the best results from these they must be used with the proper screen. The best is made from large-size blotting paper; this is dead-white and makes a perfect projection surface; in fact, it is used as a standard in judging the quality of screens used in large theaters.—Guy E. McAllan, Millicent, Can.

### Improved Cleaning Rod for Guns

As I do a lot of shooting I use a cleaning rod frequently. The one I have has a loose handle, that is, the rod turns free-



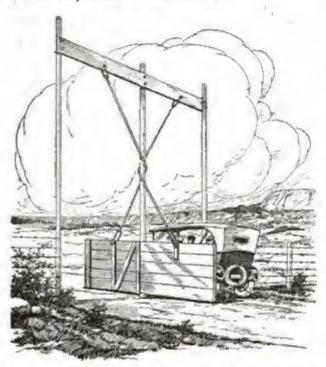
ly in the handle. It is very annoying, when the rod has to be turned with any degree of force, to have to grip the rod with the fingers, but the turning feature has its advantages also. To do away with the former and keep the latter, I designed the

following improvement. A piece of spring brass, about 1/16 in. thick, was bent as shown. A hole was drilled in the handle of the rod and a small piece of brass tubing was fitted in it to keep the wood from being chewed up on the edges of the hole. A small knob and screw, or any little piece of brass rod to fit the hole in the brass tube, is soldered on the end of the spring-brass strip. The little knob

and screw can be obtained from radio-set scraps. The spring-brass strip is now soldered to the cleaning rod and the tool is complete. By pressing down on the knob, the handle and rod will turn together.—Joseph G. Heyck, Houston, Tex.

### Automatic Gate for Closed Highways

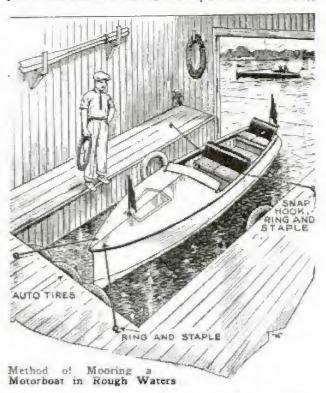
Through many miles of range country in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, the highways cross huge ranches and gates are located in many places. Where cattle guards are not satisfactory, some other method is necessary. Gates are more or less objectionable as the driver has to get out to open and close them, but this is not necessary with the gate shown in the drawing. Two pipes, 4 in. in diameter and extending 16 ft. above the ground. are set at the ends of the opening in line with the fence. A third pipe, usually 6 in, in diameter, is also set vertically midway between them. These three pipes are connected by a length of 2 by 8-in. timber from which chains are attached with links, crossing at the center post, then down to each side of the gate, as When the front bumper of the car strikes one side of the gate, it is swung open. The chains wrap about the center pipe, causing the gate to lift. But when the car has passed, the gate swings back into place. The gate is attached to the center post with U-bolts so that it will turn freely. The larger the center pipe is the harder the gate will be to open and the quicker it will close.



Novel Gates on Western Ranches Are Pushed Open by Passing Cars and Close by Gravity

### Mooring the Motorboat

After trying several methods of mooring a motorboat in a boathouse that is exposed to rather heavy waves, the following



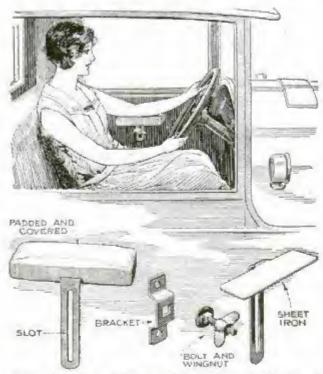
method was adopted and found satisfactory. Two staples, with rings attached, were driven into the floor opposite the seat brackets and a rope with snap-hooks at both ends was used on each side, one snaphook being attached to the stapled ring and the other to the bracket and then snapped to the ring. This leaves the boat free to move laterally about 6 in. front end of the boat is fastened by two lengths of chain to two stapled rings, as shown, and discarded auto tires are nailed to the dock sides to serve as bumpers. It takes only a few moments to make these arrangements, and when thus moored, the boat will be secure in the roughest seas and its sides and bow cannot be damaged. -Arthur G. Roach, Sudbury, Ont.

### Picking Up Phonograph Needles

When playing the phonograph, the needles sometimes are dropped or spilled in the machine. If they are not recovered, they may get into the motor and cause serious trouble. I have found that a small horseshoe magnet picks up the needles much more quickly than the fingers, especially in the corners. The magnet can be left on the machine next to the needle box, where it will always be handy.—Henry B. O'Connell, New Haven, Connecticut,

### Adjustable Arm Support Rests Driver on Long Trips

Most drivers of closed-model cars rest the left elbow on the sash sill to lessen



Adjustable Arm Rest for Driver Lessens Strain of Long-Distance Driving

the fatigue incidental to long-distance driving. However, the sill is usually located just a little too high, and is too hard for comfort, and the adjustable padded arm rest shown in the drawing will be found much better. It is made of a piece of sheet metal, bent as shown, with a pad on top and a slot in the support. A sheetmetal bracket attached to the side of the body holds a bolt, which keeps the arm rest in position by turning down the wingnut on the slotted part of the rest. This arrangement allows the rest to be raised or lowered to suit the driver.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.

### Durable Whiting Paint

Whiting paint, which is used to paint announcements and similar information on display windows, can be improved considerably so that it will not rub off so easily. To impart to whiting paint some of the permanent characteristics of ordinary paint, and yet have it retain its highly desirable quality of solubility, add a small amount of ordinary mucilage. The mucilage will help to make a better-flowing mixture of the whiting, and will cause it to harden after it has been applied to the glass surface, so that it cannot be rubbed

off. Such paint will even withstand a certain amount of wetting before it is dissolved.—J. S. Hagans, Chicago, Ill.

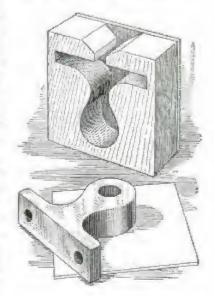
### Knotting Thread When Sewing

To knot thread when sewing, first thread the needle, single or double, holding the needle and the end of the thread in the left hand between the thumb and forefinger. Then, take the thread with the right hand, wind it three or four times around the end of the needle and pull the winding down with the left hand to the end of the thread. A quick knot is made which shows neat on the work.

### Casting Small Pillow Blocks

Recently I needed a number of small pillow blocks and shaft hangers for a ¼-in. shaft. It struck me that I could make these of babbitt in a wooden form, so I made a pattern or mold as shown in the drawing, put a piece of heavy cardboard on either side, clamped the assembly in a vise and proceeded to cast the blocks. The only precaution observed was to keep the babbitt as cool as possible so as not to

char the wood. Some small pulleys that I needed later on were cast in the same manner, making the mold for the rim of the pulley from a piece of 1/2 by 4-in. stuff, 4 in. long. A block of the same sizê was clamped on each side of the rim mold. As the pul-



leys were to be attached on the ends of the shaft, I bored a 1/4-in, hole in one of the sidepieces, inserted the shaft through the hole into the mold, and cast the pulleys right on the shaft. This saved much time in drilling and tapping holes in the pulleys, and, as the work was light, served the purpose quite well. If it is desired to give the pulleys a more finished appearance the side blocks can be turned so as to give the sides of the pulleys the regular shape, hub and all.—A. L. Talsbury, Cherokee, Iowa.

### Heating Rooms with the Kitchen Range

In one residence the bathroom was located next to the kitchen and it seemed that some of the heat of the kitchen range might be used to heat it. This was done by removing a section of the wall directly behind the range, and replacing it with a square of sheet iron, which was fitted flush with the bathroom wall, as shown, and painted a suitable color. An inclosed box of galvanized iron connected the range with the wall. Despite the fact that the heat is transmitted only through the air and metal, it has not been necessary to use a stove in the bathroom except on very cold mornings, and so the original idea of filling the metal box with sand or some better conductor of heat was not carried out.

To heat the upstairs bathroom, which was directly over the lower one, a slightly different method was used. A drum oven, which fits on the stovepipe replacing one joint, was obtained and by cutting a circular hole in the back, it was possible to connect a few sections of new stovepipe to the oven, and run the pipe up to the bathroom, where it was attached to a floor register made from a discarded oil-stove lid. In this case the warm air from the kitchen enters the oven through the door and is further heated in the oven, from which it passes directly into the bathroom. When there

kitchen, the door of the oven is closed, preventing them from passing up to the bathroom. The total cost of materials, partly secondhand, was only \$5.85, and

are objectionable odors in the

the work was done in leisure hours. The results have been highly satisfactory for more than two years. Such a method of heating is not, of course, limited to a bathroom; a sewing room or hall could be heated in the same way. -Harold E. Benson, Boulder, Colo.



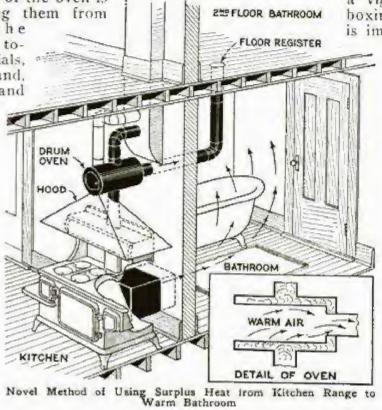
### Homemade Toy Gives the Boy an Enjoyable Imitation of a Boxing Bout

### Novel Toy Pleases Children

Simple to make, the toy shown in the drawing is quite novel and will prove popular with the youngsters. When it is pushed along, the two figures pivoted

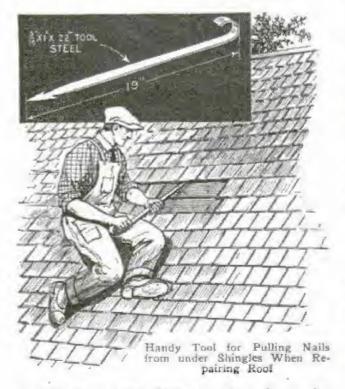
on the handle perform a vigorous round at boxing. This motion is imparted by means

> of a length of wire, heavy pivoted eccentrically to the wheel, and to the foot of the first figure, and a shorter length of wire connecting both figures. as shown. The figures are cut out of pieces of fairly heavy tin and are pivoted to the handle, the detail giving a clear idea of the construction.—E. W. Wehry, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



### Nail Puller for Shingles

In making repairs on a shingled roof, one of the difficulties encountered in



patching in new shingles arises from the old nails, which are left in position under the rows above after the defective shingles have been pulled out. The usual method of getting these out is to push a thin bar up against the nail, and by hitting the other end of the bar with a hammer knock out or bend the nails. However, a better tool for the purpose is shown in the drawing. A piece of tool steel, 16 by 1 by 22 in., is formed into a handle at one end and the other end is ground off to a point, which is then notched on each edge as shown. The notches are staggered a little so as not to weaken the cross section. Then the upper edges are beveled for easier working. In use, the point is pushed up under the shingles and, on drawing it back, a nail is caught by one or the other of the barbs. Then, a twist of the tool is usually sufficient to pull the nail out.-William Knowles, North Vancouver, Can.

### A Hint to Home Dry Cleaners

Many housewives doing dry cleaning at home wash delicate garments in gasoline and are at a loss to know why they soil again so quickly and seem to catch dust and grime much more readily than before. In most instances this is due to the poor quality of gasoline employed, Low-test gasoline contains a high per-

centage of grease and oil, and when garments are cleaned in this, they naturally retain the impurities after the gas itself has evaporated. The remaining grease is not sufficient to be easily perceived, but it is present nevertheless, and dust or dirt falling upon the garment adheres so that it presents a soiled appearance in a very short time. To overcome this, one should use only the highest grade of gasoline obtainable. The garment will be more thoroughly cleaned and will remain clean longer. It will also air out quicker, so that the pressing can be done without leaving an objectionable odor in the fabric. Care should always be observed to keep all cleaning and drying operations away from flames of any kind.

### Protecting Clothes on the Line

Some dogs have the habit of getting hold of and tearing clothes hanging on the clothesline to dry. To prevent this, a Kansas farmer elevated his revolving clothesline so that even the longest sheets would be above the dog's reach, and then provided a small concrete platform, as shown in the illustration, to permit one to hang up the clothes conveniently. Four lengths of old pipe were used to form the corner supports of the concrete slab, which is 4 in. thick, 2 ft. wide and 3 ft.



Preventing the Dog from Getting at the Clothes on the Line

long, and is elevated about 16 in. above the ground.

 A useful coat hanger may be made from a newspaper, rolled up and suspended by a cord around its center. STARTING THE CAR IN COLD WEATHER

WHENthe weather commences to get very chilly it is time to consider methods of getting the auto engine started easily and quickly. The firing qualities of gasoline are partly destroyed by cold, which reduces the amount of highly volatile elements, the elements that give the gas its quick-starting "kick."

The driver, when the engine begins to be hard to start,

usually tries to remedy this condition by enriching the mixture with the choke. He often keeps it drawn out too long, however, and thus defeats his own purpose. In starting, draw the choke button out all the way so as to close the choke valve completely, and use the starter for a few seconds only. If the engine then fails to start push in the choke slightly. Do not keep on pressing the starter button with the choke pulled out all the way for a long period, for this will draw raw gas into the cylinders in excessive amounts. If firing does not begin in a few minutes stop using the starter,

and, since the trouble may be too much gasoline in the cylinders, allow the motor to stand for a few minutes until the excess gas has had a chance to evaporate, then press the starter

switch again.

If the motor still will not start, the next move is to prime the cylinders directly, either through the priming cocks or through the spark - plug holes. Prime with a mixture of half gasoline and half ether, or with a teaspoonful of straight ether in each cylinder. An ordinary oilcan makes a good container for the priming mixture, and it can be prevented from evaporating quickly by means of a cork stuck tightly on the spout. In the absence of a

suitable cork, a piece



For ordinary temperatures above the freezing point, the dash primer makes short work of starting. Ordinarily, when a car is very hard to start, this indicates that compression is rather poor, and the car should be overhauled. Many mechanics regard the installation of a primer as treating the symptom rather than curing the disease, but the

fact remains that, where the owner feels that he cannot have the car overhauled, the primer does solve the problem of easy There are two makes of mechanical vaporizing primers that are very effective, and there is also a slightly more expensive electric heating and vaporizing primer. Another attachment that is quite effective is a small electric heating element designed to be inserted between the carburetor and the intake manifold; it is sometimes connected to the starter switch so that, when the starter button is pressed, the heater warms the charge of fuel going to the cylinders and so

makes starting easy. It may also be controlled by a switch on the instru-

ment board. After the engine has started let it

run for at least three minutes before you drive away. This gives the oil a chance to get warm and is especially necessary where a high-pressure system of lubrication is employed. Push in the choke button all the way as soon as possible, for excessive use of the choke causes rapid carbonization and cuts the oil film on the cylinder walls; this means repair bills later on. Install a motometer or a dash engine-heat indicator on the car, and by all means fit a radiator cover or shutter. Keep the shutter closed until the

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engine comes up to

summer temperature,

as indicated on the thermometer, or as high below this as it will rise. On a moderately cool day, the engine will reach the highest operating temperature more quickly if it is run at a moderate speed for ten or fifteen minutes after starting, for, even with the shutter closed, if the car is driven at 30 miles an hour, there is quite a volume of air driven over the engine and drawn past the radiator through the small openings left in the closed shutter or cover.

wooden towers, which are well braced as In short, the nearer the engine is kept to normal summer temperature the indicated. The small cars, which run on better condition it will be in at the close the cable with the passengers, are particularly interesting. They are 2 ft. wide of the season, and the better it will operand 4 ft. long. The bottom serves as a ate throughout the winter. seat, while footrests are suspended un-If a lighter oil is specified for the engine in winter, do not fail to change as soon as the temperature drops and also PROPELLORmake the transmission and differential lubricant lighter. This has quite an effect on the ease of starting. Another CABLE useful kink is to turn the engine over a few times with the hand crank before trying to set in motion with the starter. This breaks the cold film of oil on the cylinder walls and relieves the starter of a heavy duty. Also keep the battery well charged. The drain on the battery is very much heavier in the winter than in summer, and the battery **FOOTRESTS** is not quite so efficient in cold weather as in warm. Give it a chance, therefore, by boosting the generator output considerably,

#### Emergency Trolley for Fording Flood Streams

Although at times there is no water at all in the bed of some Texas streams, at other times they will overflow bridges and make crossing nearly impossible. Since many people are dependent upon contact with towns on the other side, emergency trolleys have been built at several points. These consist of a cable suspended across the stream from sturdy wooden towers, which are well braced as indicated. The small cars, which run on the cable with the passengers, are particularly interesting. They are 2 ft. wide and 4 ft. long. The bottom serves as a seat, while footrests are suspended un-

With Bridges Flooded, People Dependent on Neighboring Towns Are Safely Carried across Texas Streams in These Novel Emergency Cars, Which Can Also be Used for Carrying Provisions derneath with flat-iron supports. Other lengths of flat iron are bolted to the sides, and are doubled at the top where pulleys are bolted in place to ride on the cable. The means of locomotion is also novel. While one end of the trolley is usually higher than the other, permitting coasting in one direction, it is necessary to propel the car in the other direction. This is done with a wooden lever, notched at the end, and having a block of wood pivoted on a bolt above the cable, as shown. By pulling in one direction, the lever engages the rope, preventing backslipping, and the moment the pressure is released it is pushed forward for another . grip on the cable, thus moving the car. From two to four persons can ride in such a car at one time, and, of course, it can also be used for provisions and mail.

#### Cleaning Small Paintbrushes

A quick and easy way to clean small paintbrushes is to wipe them thoroughly on tissue paper or rags immediately when through using them. This will not only clean them effectively, but the bristles will not get hard or become matted. I have used this method with all kinds of paint and varnish, including aeroplane dope, and prefer it to the regular method of cleaning in turpentine, as being cleaner, quicker and better. — J. G. Heyck, Houston. Tex.

#### Saw-Setting Vise on Sawbuck

To eliminate the necessity of carrying his saw to the workshop vise each time it required sharpening, a Wisconsin woodsman sawed two deep slots in the horns of the sawbuck as shown in the drawing. Into these the saw blade is inserted. sliding the blade of the saw back or forth, each



portion of the blade can be made to rest within one of them, preventing vibration.

#### Old Milk Cans for Tractor Oil and Fuel

Two old milk cans, which had begun to rust on the inside and were useless for

Using Old Milk Can on Farm Tractor for Holding Oil and Gas

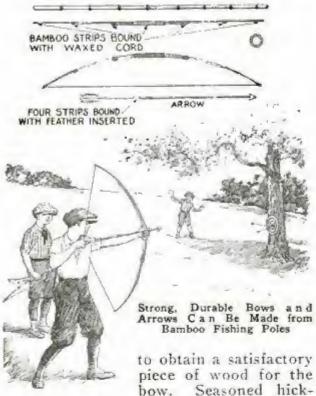
their original purpose, still do service on a western farm for holding oil and gas for the tractor. A faucet is soldered in the side near the bottom of each can. The cans are taken along with the tractor; one contains lubricating oil and the other kerosene. With tight-fitting lids, there is no leakage, and the cost of the two faucets is considerably less than that of two steel drums.

#### Making Cold Patches Stick to Auto Inner Tubes

A garage man showed me how to make a cold patch stick to an inner tube so that it would last until the tube is worn out. It was done in the following way: After the tube had been thoroughly cleaned around the hole and the cement applied liberally, a lighted match was touched to the cement and allowed to burn until the cement seemed to disappear. Then the flame was blown out, the patch was clamped on and pressed firmly with the fingers. Thus the patch is cured by the heat into the tube, and the tube will tear before the patch will come off.—C. M. Baker, Wooster, Ohio.

#### Bamboo Bow and Arrow

Almost every boy, at some time or other, would like to try his skill with a bow and arrow, but it is rather difficult



ory is usually recommended, but an excellent substitute is the bamboo from a cheap fishpole. With reasonable care, a 5-ft, length of hamboo may be split into pieces of small dimensions; twelve or fifteen being obtained from a pole 11/2 in. in diameter. After splitting it, the pieces of heart, or hardened pith, at the joints should be removed with a knife or plane so that the strips can be bound together in a compact bundle. The binding is a very particular part of the work, if the bow is to be made serviceable for any considerable length of time, and waxed cord should be used for this purpose. To begin, bind the middle section of the bundle to a distance of 6 in, on either side of the exact center. After fastening the string ends, cut away one-fourth of the number of sticks in the bundle just beyond the wrapping, and bind those remaining at points about 16 in. from the center of the bow. Cut away as many sticks as before and bind again, proceeding in this way until one-fourth of the sticks of the bundle remain. These are bound at the tip ends, and the bow is ready to receive the string. If the work has been done carefully, the result will be a well balanced bow that will last for years, especially if the bowstring is loosened after using it, so that the bamboo

may straighten again and retain its elas-Serviceable arrows may also be made of similar material by binding four of the narrow strips together and inserting balancing feathers.

#### Making Direct Photographic Positives

A little known process which can be used for making lantern slides and transparencies from ordinary plates or cut films, consists in subjecting the negative to the light when only partly developed. Exposing the plate to the light causes a reversal of the image, that is, the negative image is printed onto the remaining silver, which naturally assumes the form of a positive. A mere flashing on and off of a 50-watt lamp will often do the work.. After printing, it is sometimes necessary to return the plate to the developer to produce a strong image. A thorough fixing and washing completes the process. —L. C. Ferguson, Ontario, Calif.

#### Paper Strip Indicates Bottom Margin

Typewritten letters appear neater if the margin at the bottom of the page is kept uniform. The spacing device on the type-

writer takes care of the side margins, and the upper margin is in full view at all times, but one cannot see the lower edge of the sheet and therefore it is difficult to make a uniform margin. Toinspect that width,



the sheet must be turned out of the machine, and this often causes the paper to slip, resulting in irregular spacing, especially when carbon copies are used. The trouble can be eliminated and much time saved by feeding a strip of paper into the machine as shown in the illustration. The strip should lie about 1/2 in. over the righthand edge of the sheet, and its top edge should coincide with the top of the sheet, the length of the strip being, of course, equal to that of the sheet. When the stop mark on the strip appears, a new sheet is inserted in the machine and in this way the bottom margin on all the sheets will be uniform.

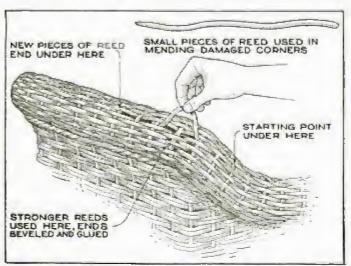
#### Repairing Woven-Reed Furniture

One of the disadvantages of genuine woven-reed furniture is the brittleness of the reed after it has become thoroughly dried out. This brittleness often results

in unsightly breaks.

The drawing shows a simple method of repairing such breaks without being deprived of the use of the article, as would be necessary if the article was sent to a shop. Break off the broken ends of the reed so that all ends are underneath and concealed by the crosspieces. Using the broken pieces as a sample, the necessary quantity of new reed can be obtained from almost any upholstering or furniture-repair shop. The new reed is soaked in water to make it pliable, and while in this condition, it is inserted under and over the crosspieces in such a manner that the ends will always be concealed underneath the crosspieces. If the work is carefully done, it will be almost impossible to detect where the repair was made. When the reed dries out, it will naturally retain its bent position, locking itself into the old weave, and will last as long as other parts of the body. When thoroughly dry, the patched spot is given a coat of varnish or stain, to correspond to the rest of the article.

In repairing the heavier crosspieces, the ends are beveled off with a sharp knife, and new pieces, of the proper length and with correspondingly beveled ends, are glued into position. The glued joints should be tied together with twine until the glue has hardened, before proceeding to complete the repair by the in-

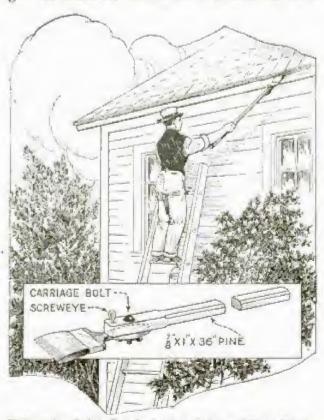


The Work of Repairing Reed Furniture Is So Simple That There Is No Excuse for Allowing the Damage to Spread

sertion of short lengths of reed as described above.—Frank E. Leitch, Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### Brush Holder Assists Home Painter

In painting the eaves of houses, and similar places that are rather difficult to get at, a brush holder of the kind shown



Holder for Paint Brush Assists Painter When Working on Eaves

in the illustration increases the painter's reach, eliminates frequent moving of the ladder and makes the work safer. A wooden stick, 78 by 1 by 36 in. in dimensions, is drilled with a 14-in. hole through the center, about 2½ in. from one end-

A similar hole is drilled through the thickest part of the brush handle, and a 134 by 36-in. round-head carriage bolt with a thumbnut is used to fasten the brush to the stick, the other end of which can be rounded off and smoothed to form a handle. A screweye is then driven through the stick and brush handle to prevent wiggling if the thumbrut should come loose. The knack of handling the brush comes readily.

#### Drying Squeegee Prints Quickly

It takes several hours to dry squeegee prints in the usual way. The drying process can be hastened considerably by placing the ferrotype plates about 6 or 8 ft. from an elec-

tric fan. By doing this, the prints will dry quickly and one will be kept busy picking the dry prints from the floor.

#### Handy Stencil Disk Saves Time

Facilities for cutting individual stencils are seldom justified in a small concern, and therefore the disk stencil shown in



Convenient Disk Stencil for the Small Shop or Store

the drawing will prove to be of exceptional merit. It is made from a thin brass disk through which letters are cut as indicated. A small round handle is fixed at the center, permitting the disk to turn, and a plate of the same stock as that of the disk is pivoted on the handle. This plate has a square opening cut to fit over the letters to facilitate stenciling. The parallel edges of the plate are also used as a guide for obtaining alinement. Such a stencil is a great convenience for the small shop or store and neat work can be turned out with it.

#### Glazed Tile as Good as Porous for Drainage Lines

An erroneous idea exists regarding the kind of tile that should be used for drainage. Some contend that drain tile should be porous enough to allow water to pass through the walls, and that glazed tile will not permit this action, and therefore should never be used. However, only ½5 gal. of water will pass through the wall of a very soft 4-in. clay tile in 24 hours. To put it another way, it would take 2,000,000 running feet of such tile to make a 4-in, tile line run full at the outlet, pro-

vided all the water were to pass through the wall of the tile and the slope of the tile were 5 in. per 100 ft. There is therefore no difference in the value of the tile made from clay, shale or concrete, as the drainage water enters the tile at the joints. For this purpose, a space of ½ to ½ in. should be left between the joints, the exact amount of space depending upon the nature of the soil. In the case of an extremely soft sand or quicksand, the joints should be covered with broken pieces of tile or a short piece of roofing paper.—C. M. Baker, Wooster, Ohio.

#### Cleaning Auto Shackle Pins

In a large auto-service station, specializing in lubrication and tightening up of cars, the head mechanic places considerable stress on the necessity of keeping spring shackle pins in good condition.

Due to the clogged condition of the oil channels in these pins, they are frequently re-moved because of the impossibility of forcing grease through the clogged holes. Greasing is necessary to prevent the pins from squeaking and wearing, which results in a pronounced



clicking or rattling. Any shackle pin can readily be removed by the method shown in the illustration. The head or round part of the pin is held securely with a file, while the nut is removed from the other end. After the pin has been removed the grease hole is opened with a stiff wire and cleaned with a pipe cleaner. Due to the accumulation of solid dirt and grease, it is often impossible to clear the channel with a grease gun, though after it is once cleaned, continuous attention to lubrication will keep it clean.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.

(IWhen fruit juice is spilled on table linen, sprinkle at once with salt to prevent a permanent stain.

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### Making an Egyptian Ash Tray

By HERBERT C. McKAY

A SIDE from its utility and novelty, the ash tray or smoking stand shown in the illustration is interesting and easy to make. The stand proper is a silhouette of an Egyptian dancing girl. The more difficult lines are painted instead of being sawed, and the ash container is in the form of a lotus flower.

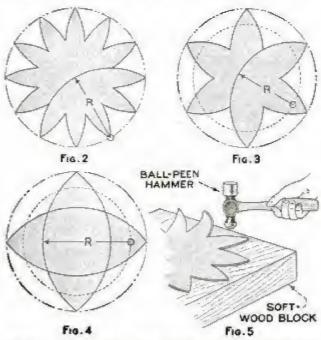
The right-hand view, Fig. 1, gives the outlines of the figure. The scrollwork at the feet of the figure adds considerably to its strength. These scrolls should be enameled in contrasting colors; for example, if the base and scrolls are black, the flesh and gold of the feet and skirt border will stand out in good relief. The breast and skirt bands were enameled crimson in the original with ornaments in gold. The winged pheasant on the head was of gold relieved with black. The features were black outlines, as illustrated, upon a ground of flesh color. The base was an oval piece of wood, 1/2 in, thick, 4 in. wide and 9 in. long.

The ash receiver is made from a piece of metal, which may be brass or copper, about ½2 in. in thickness and cut as shown in Fig. 2. This is laid upon a block of medium soft wood and the petals peened with a ball-peen hammer. (See Fig. 5). They will curl up just as crape

paper does when used for making artificial flowers. This piece is peened until the petals curl inward a little. Then a piece is cut as shown in Fig. 3. This is treated in the same manner, but the peening is stopped when the petals have turned straight upward. Then each petal is reversed and peened upon the back at the outer points. This recurves the points of the petals and makes them flare outward. Finally a piece is cut as shown in Fig. 4. Slits are cut from the junction of the petals toward the center to allow each leaf to curl. This is peened until each petal is concaved; then the petals are straightened until they project from the center in a plane. The center of each plate is drilled out large enough to admit the passage of a No. 14 gauge wire, and both sides of each plate are cleaned for soldering. The last plate is put in place first and soldered about 1/2 in, below the top of the wire, then the six-pointed plate is soldered just above this and finally the



twelve-petaled plate is soldered on top. The projecting wire is cut off with a pair of end-cutting pliers and solder smoothed above the projecting stump. The bottom of the four-petaled plate is enameled



Pattern and Method of Peening Thin Sheet-Copper Tray of Ash Receiver

green, while the rest of the petals are enameled ivory. When the enamel is dry, the inside of the cup is delicately veined in pale green and the tops of the four petals at the bottom are treated likewise. A hole is drilled through the upraised hand of the figure and down into the head. The wire stem of the lotus is inserted in this, and the stand is complete.

#### Burning Soft Coal, Coke or Small Anthracite Sizes

When burning soft coal, make a very careful deep bed of paper and wood to the height of the fire door. Light as usual and do not add coal until the wood becomes like charcoal embers. Add fuel gradually, opening the base door, feeddoor draft and smoke-pipe dampers. Then let the coal slide off the shovel just inside of the door so that it forms a bank against the front of the heating section. Break up the crust which forms after the coal is ignited and spread it out evenly. Always bank fresh fuel on the front of the fire so that the live fire in the rear will burn the gases. When the fire is about 10 in. deep and thoroughly ignited, close the base door but leave the fire-door slide. the base-door flap and all smoke-pipe dampers open, to guard against possible explosions. These explosions are caused

by the sudden ignition of gases when the For this reason live fire is smothered. flame ought to be burning through the top of the fire or a red spot should be seen at all times. See that all fresh fuel ignites promptly. Break up the larger lumps or crust on top of the fire. Keep the feed door closed to prevent the escape of the gases, but leave the slide in that door open to complete combustion of gases. When the fire is burning briskly and the gases ignited, open the feed door slightly to increase combustion. The nature of this fuel requires more frequent firing, but it has high heat value.

Coke burns quickly and with an intense It should fill the fire bed to the bottom of the feed-door opening, and can be banked higher in the rear of the firepot. It will require longer to ignite the first fuel and subsequent feedings should be ignited before the ashes are shaken or the drafts checked. The lower draft opening should be closed except The smoke-pipe for the first lighting. damper should be regulated according to the strength of the chimney so that the fire will not burn out too quickly. The draft in the feed door must be manipulated to assist in checking the fire.

Pea and buckwheat coal, or small-size anthracite, need little extra care or attention except that fresh fuel should be thoroughly ignited before the ashes are shaken out. The grates should also be shaken gently to avoid breaking down the fire bed. When a mixture of coke and buckwheat coal is burned, kindle with coke and add subsequent layers of buckwheat When the surface is covered and coke. with buckwheat, leave a small red spot for proper ignition of gases. Bank at night with buckwheat. Shake the grates gently also in this case.

#### Oil Filter from Old Felt Hat



Oil can be filtered satisfactorily by straining it through an old felt hat, as shown in the illustration. The hat is set in the top of a pail and the oil poured in. It may be necessary to provide additional support for the hat brim if

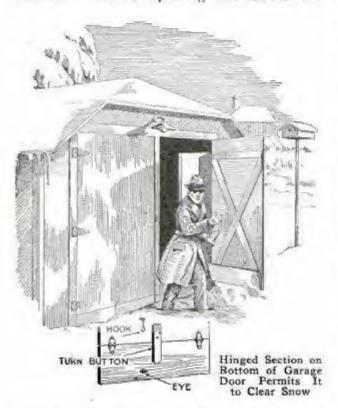
the pail is large. The oil will seep through slowly and will be free from all dirt after it has been strained in this way.

#### Luminous House Numbers

When calling for the first time on a new acquaintance, I always found it difficult to read the house numbers, and to find the right one, I was often obliged to light several matches. Thus, in most cases, I was late for my appointment. Considering the fact that new friends would have the same difficulty in locating my house, I finally hit upon the following idea and gave it a tryout to my satisfaction. I bought some luminous paint and painted my house numbers with it, causing them to shine at night and making them easily readable.—Henry B. O'Connell, New Haven, Conn.

#### Snow Clearance on Garage Doors

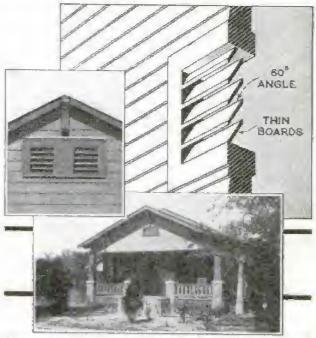
Swinging double doors used on such buildings as barns and garages are often difficult to open during winter because of the snow in front of them. A remedy is to attach a hinged board to the bottom of each door which can be raised and held up with hooks when desired. The doors are short enough to allow them to open over an ordinary fall of snow. The boards are attached to the bottom of the door with hinges and are held in place when down by large wooden turn buttons, fastened to the inside of the door at the bottom. Before opening the doors the



boards are lifted up and hooked as shown in the drawing.—E. T. Gunderson, Jr., Humboldt, Iowa.

#### Gable Ventilators for Homes

Many southern homes are now built with ventilators in one or both ends, just under the gables. This is an idea that can



Ornamental Ventilators in Gables, Just below the Roof, Help Reduce Temperature in the House

be used to advantage during the summer months in other parts of the country, if ordinary precautions are used during the winter to keep out the cold. Practically all ventilators of this type are framed like The thin boards in the window. ventilators are spaced 1½ in. apart and set at a 60° angle, sloping outward, so that even driving rain cannot get in. Hot air, which otherwise is confined under the roof, escapes readily and the temperature inside of the house becomes much lower. In winter a pad of black. building or roofing paper can be tacked over the opening on the inside, so that it will not be noticeable from the street. Where driving rains and snowstorms are more frequent, it may be better to make the blades of the ventilators from strips of sheet iron, the strips being curved or bent to form smaller openings and set closer together.

#### Remedy for Leaky Fountain Pens.

Many fountain pens soon begin to leak in the cap, and this is quite annoying. A good method of overcoming this trouble is to press a small piece of sponge into the end of the cap. All the ink which leaks out can then be removed by squeezing the sponge with a pencil or small piece of wood every few days.—R. Harry, New York, N. Y.

#### · Oil Drum Makes Water-Tank Heater

Preventing the water in tanks and troughs from freezing is one of the farm-



Old Oil Drum Makes Excellent Heater for the Farmer's Water Tank

is usually available. The top of this is cut out and a removable sheet-iron cover substituted, which has two holes cut in it for flues, one of which is the air intake, extending clear down to the bottom of the drum, and the other the smoke flue. A chunk of wood has been found to burn an entire day, and a coat of ice 2 in. thick over the whole tank was melted in about two hours. Cobs are used when a quick, hot fire is wanted, and wood chunks to

keep a slow heat through the day and the following night. The tank is anchored securely by means of rocks, which are fastened to vertical rods hooked over the top of the drum.— Dale R. Van Horn, Walton, Nebr.

Do not apply furniture polish to soiled furniture, or it will never look bright; wring a cloth out of warm soapy water, and wipe the furniture carefully, then polish as usual, when quite dry.

#### Novel Photographic Collection

Those who are fond of collecting photographs, as well as the amateur photographer who likes to dabble in novelties, can obtain interesting photos in a simple The process involved is more or less well known, but the material used affords a pleasant departure from conventional methods. Go to your local movie theater and ask for a few pieces of waste film. These scraps will probably be portions of scenes from well-known photoplays, and it is with these pictures that you can start the collection. After looking over the films, pick out those scenes which appeal to you the most and clean the film thoroughly as it has collected a great deal of grease and dirt while being run through the projector. A few pieces of commercial cut film, and a printing frame are also needed. Open your printing frame and lay a strip of the film on the glass, emulsion side up. Now place a piece of the commercial film on top of that and close the frame. This film will be printed as a piece of prepared paper, but the exposure must be very short. A match burnt in front of the frame will prove sufficient.-L. C. Ferguson, Ontario, Calif.

#### Successful Mud Attachment for Cars

After years of experiment by newspapers throughout the country to find some means of transportation whereby afternoon-delivery service could be maintained the year around on muddy rural routes, a Springfield paper devised an attachment for an automobile wheel, which takes the

machine through the mud successfully. It is made by welding together two rims, to which, at intervals of 12 in., mud hooks are welded. This is bolted to the rim already on the wheel with long rim bolts. In order to solidify the entire wheel, an old brake drum is bolted, inside out, to the outside of the third rim. When these rods are drawn, up, the wheel is capable of withstanding all jolts it will receive on its trips.



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### Hints on Driving Nails and Screws

NEARLY everyone knows that a nail or screw has greater holding power when driven into the side or edge of a board than when sunk in the end grain. It is commonly supposed that a nail driven with light blows requires a greater force to draw it than one driven with heavy blows; but opinions seem to conflict as to whether or not the usefulness of a screw is impaired by tapping it in for a distance with a hammer before sinking it home with the screwdriver.

Again, the amateur is told by the professional woodworker that a hammer held by the end of the handle is less likely to bend a nail being driven than if held near the head, only to find upon trial that, in his own case, the reverse is true. It appears to him that he can turn in a stubborn screw more easily with a long screwdriver than with a short; yet this seems as absurd as to suppose that, by merely lengthening the rear axle of an automobile, it could be operated with less power. What are the facts in this case? All have a basis in the two elementary mechanical powers involved, that is, the lever and the inclined plane—in other words, the pry, as exemplified by a crowbar thrust under a rock to raise it, and a sloping runway to an elevated platform up which a barrel too heavy to be lifted can be rolled.

When a nail is driven, the little pointed iron cylinder, being forced between the fibers of the wood, cuts them and wedges them apart. Those at the sides are crushed into a compact mass, their cell



Fig. 1, Left, Nail Driven with Heavy Blows, and Right, with Light Ones; Fig. 2, Left, Screw Turned All the Way In; Right, Driven Halfway with Hammer

walls broken, their elasticity destroyed; while those forming the end grain are bent downward, some breaking off, but many remaining firm. It is evident that the crushed side fibers contribute little friction, and are almost useless in holding the nail. The end fibers, therefore, must do most of the work in retaining it.

> ward bent fibers, already forced tightly against it, follow the nail upward. But the instant this occurs, they also tend to occupy the space containing the nail, and the leverage so gained forces them still more tightly against it. If the force applied is sufficient. the pressure becomes so great that the tip-end fibers are crushed and broken, as a lever is broken when forced

> > fort, be pulled out entirely. In short, these downwardbent fibers form what is known as a toggle joint, as illustrated in Fig. 5. The lever ends, A, bear against the nail and move upward with it. They also tend to

beyond its strength, and the nail can then, with little ef-

move horizontally, until the levers themselves lie in a horizontal position; but since the horizontal distance, CB, through which they move, is much smaller than the vertical distance, the thrust against the nail is much greater than that applied to lift the nail, according to the law of levers. Moreover, as the levers approach a horizontal position, the horizontal motion approaches zero, while the vertical remains almost constant, so that the crushing effect exerted on the nail increases toward infinity, to the limit of strength of the material. It is no wonder, then, that a properly driven nail holds strongly.

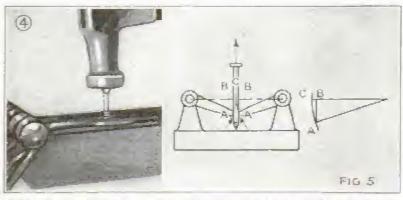
Now, it is reasonable to assume that if the nail is driven with many light blows the fibers will be bent down slowly, and will have time to accommodate

> themselves to the strain, reducing breakage to a minimum; while if heavy hammer blows are given, some fibers will break back at a considerable distance from the nail. and thereafter be valueless. That this is indeed the case is proved by Fig. 1, a photograph magnifying two split-out 16penny box nails. That at the left was driven with heavy blows, that at the right, with light. However, an actual test proves that the difference in





Left, Effect of Screw Binding in One Member; Right, Screw Driven in End Wood



Left, Tapping Screw to Start It; Right, Toggle Effect of Downward-Bent Fibers

holding power is only around 12 per cent; which is not enough, in most construction work, to warrant the extra time required for light driving, since it is common experience that materials, and the mechanic's judgment, will vary more than this.

A screw has wound about it a thread, which is in effect an inclined plane. Here leverage is obtained through the greater rotary than lengthwise motion. This mechanical advantage acts in drawing the screw into the wood, and especially in clamping together the two pieces joined. It does not act to hold the screw in, although the threads naturally must strip out the fibers when the screw is drawn like a nail. Apparently, if the screw is driven for a distance before being turned in, the fibers are bent down, and in addition to the "baffle" effect of

the threads, the toggle action is

brought into play.

This additional force is not to be discredited. As a matter of fact. tests prove that a screw hammered halfway in holds about 25 per cent more in fir than one screwed all the way in. Probably driving one-quarter of the thread length is best. Fig. 2 shows split-out screws, the one at the left screwed in full distance, that at the right driven halfway with the hammer be-

fore being turned. Evidently the carpenter who taps the screws to start them when dapping in hinges, as in Fig. 4, acts

on sound principle.

Fig. 3, at the right, illustrates a screw sunk in the end wood. Plainly, to draw it out, it is only necessary to strip the fibers parallel with the grain—in the case of this 11/2-in. No. 10 screw, about 1 sq. in. of cross section. As the shearing resistance of fir or pine parallel with the grain is only about one-tenth of that perpendicular to the grain, small reliance can be placed on a screw entered in the end of a board.

Fig. 3, left, also illustrates a problem met in joining two members with screws. in which the upper member has not been

bored sufficiently large to permit free movement of the screw. It is easily seen that the screw advances as fast in the upper as in the lower piece, keeping them the same distance apart until the head bears against the upper piece, when the threads that are cut in it must strip out before it will come down against the lower member. The force required may be sufficient to break the head.

Fig. 6 illustrates the drawing of a nail. The hammer,



as the dotted lines indicate, forms a bell lever, with the handle arm nearly 16 times the length of the claw arm, so that 1 lb. pull on the handle applies an upward force of 16 lb. on the nail. When, as in Fig. 7, the nail is partly drawn, the hammer rocks backward, the weight arm is greatly increased in length, and the pull on the handle must be increased. Nearly all hammer-handle breaks are caused by trying to pull nails with the face edge as a fulcrum. The proper way is to place a

block under the head, as in Fig. 8, thus restoring the short weight arm.

Hammers are so designed that a line drawn touching the width of the face intersects with greater velocity to the head, and can consequently strike a harder blow.

The face of the hammer is slightly rounded, so that if it strikes a little out of true the face may still be at right angles to the nail. This convexity also makes it possible to drive home a nail without bruising the surrounding wood.

If a screwdriver were held truly in a line with the screw, the short driver would be just as effective as the long one, since only the direct torque, or twisting force,

would act in each case. In practice, however, the driver is invariably held to one side or the other; and granting that the





Fig. 10, Effect of Using Long Screwdriver; Note Lever Arm Indicated by Dotted Lines; Fig. 11, Short Lever Arm Formed by Short Screwdriver

the center of the handle end. When a blow is struck on a nail, the face meets the nail head squarely and forces it in along its length, whereas, if the handle is grasped near the head, the front of the face is thrown upward, and the inclined plane transmits a portion of the blow as a sidewise force against the nail, bending it. See Fig. 9.

A novice finds it difficult to drive nails by holding the hammer handle near the end because he handles it so inexpertly that the head wobbles from side to side, striking at angles in spite of him. Yet, if he practices a short time, he will find that the correct method is much the easier. Not only so, but he is able to give angle of inclination is the same for the large or short tool, the power arm developed is longer in the longer driver, and a greater leverage is produced. Figures 10 and 11 illustrate this.

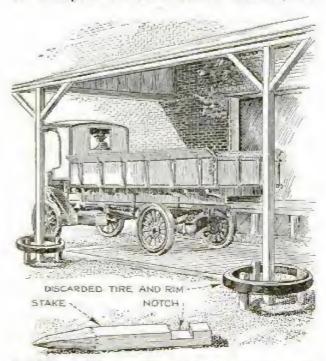
#### Fitting Piston Rings

The auto mechanic who has piston rings to fit will appreciate any new idea that will serve to cut down the time required for the job. Usually such a small amount of metal is to be taken off that the clamping and loosening of the vise take most of the time. Instead of setting each ring in the vise twice for filing, take one of the old rings that are to be

discarded and break off a piece equal to about one-fourth of its circumference. Choose a ring that has not been worn too much in width. Clamp this piece vertically in the vise, concave side outward, about 1/16 in. from the left side, and extending about 1/16 in, above the jaw of the vise. This leaves the vise open the width of the ring and a recess of 1/16 in. into which the ring to be filed is placed. Just a slight pressure of the thumb and finger of the left hand will suffice to hold the ring while it is filed and a little practice will enable any mechanic to file the end squarely with a small flat file. The piece of old ring is not removed from the vise. but each succeeding ring is merely set into the vise and held as explained, while one side is filed, then slid out of the vise, inverted and replaced for the other side. This applies to step-cut rings. If diagonal-cut, file only on one side.

#### Bumper for Lumber-Yard Posts

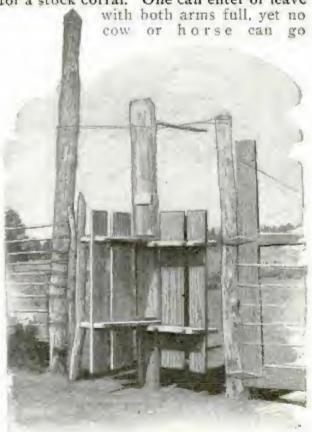
Discarded truck tires of the solid type have been used effectively as bumpers for posts supporting the sheds in a southern lumber yard. The tires were mounted on stakes, notched as shown and pointed at the lower end to facilitate driving them into the ground. These tires are mounted on iron rims, which gives them enough strength to sustain a considerable impact. A bumper of this kind provided around each post prevents the latter from being broken off, which might cause the shed to collapse.—F. E. Walker, Atlanta, Ga.



Solid Truck Tires on Rims Used as Bumpers around Posts in Lumber Yard

#### Gate for the Stock Corral

The photo shows a novel turnstile gate for a stock corral. One can enter or leave



Novel Wooden Turnstile Gate Found Convenient in Western Stock Corral

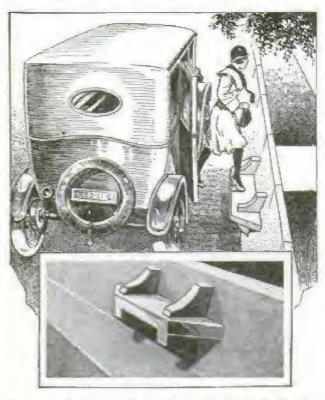
through, no matter in what position the gate is left. Two pairs of crossarms are mounted upon a heavy post, which is hewn round and notched for the arms. The arms lie across each other at right angles. Planks are bolted to the crossarms vertically. By keeping the bearings lubricated with hard oil, the gate turns easily. The arms are made of 2 by 8-in. planks, about 6 ft. long. The gateway is 7½ ft. across.—Dale R. Van Horn, Walton, Nebr.

#### Handling Celluloid Triangles

Most draftsmen appreciate the difficulty experienced in picking up celluloid triangles. This difficulty can be overcome by the addition of an ordinary glass push pin. Drill a small hole, slightly smaller in diameter than the pin, through the triangle. Countersink this hole slightly on one side and then insert the push pin. Clip off the pin so that only a small end projects. Rivet this portion over until it holds the push pin securely and then file away all the surplus metal so that the triangle will lie flat on the board.—Richard H. Robinson, Detroit, Mich.

#### Concrete Steps on High Curb

In towns built on hilly or rolling ground the curbing is often too high to mount easily. This makes steps of some



Concrete Steps on High Curbs Make It Easier for Automobilists to Reach the Sidewalk

sort necessary. The drawing shows how steps of concrete are built integral with the curb. They are braced as indicated, and are neat in appearance. The braces are not run clear to the pavement as this would check the flow of gutter water and stop refuse.

#### Wet Air in Compressed-Air Hammer

In a small shop I noticed that the air hammer in one of the worker's hands was spraying water out of the exhaust hole. He said that it always did this when it was started. One look at the compressor installation showed me the trouble. The air receiver was a small one, and the air from the compressor entered the tank at the top, while the outlet from the tank into the air hammer was about 4 in, from the bottom of the tank. This was what was wrong with the installation. Moisture is heavier than air and, of course, it settles in the bottom of the receiver and, as the receiver was small, it merely acted as a pipe for the air to flow through from the compressor, carrying the water along with it. In explaining the proper pipe layout to the boss afterward, I strongly urged him to supply a larger receiver so that the air would have an opportunity to remain stationary long enough to cool and deposit part of the moisture. The larger tank would likewise provide ample storage against fluctuations in pressure, and give a steady volume of air to operate the air hammer.—August Jeffers, Bedford, Ind.

#### Removing Soldering Flux

Anyone who has worked with solder containing the flux, has no doubt experienced the difficulty of removing the hard crust which is formed around the solder. If this crust is left on, it not only shows poor workmanship, but the crust will later dissolve and run off in the form of acid, which is very injurious to other metal parts. The flux can be removed by dipping the soldered parts in cold water. If it is impossible to dip the parts in water, good results can be had by placing a wet cloth over the soldered parts for a few moments and then wiping them off. Either method will leave the metal bright and clean. It is best to apply the water to the soldered parts while they are still hot.-Ed Sundholm, Albert City, Iowa.

#### Holder for Signal Lantern

The warning lantern used to indicate the presence of excavations or obstructions in the road or for similar purposes



can be displayed conspicuously on the holder shown in the illustration. Two pieces of flat iron, one a few inches longer than the other, are notched in the end to fit the lantern frame as shown, the longer one being bent at right angles. A spacer, riveted to the uprights and holding them rigid, also serves as a shelf for the lantern. If desired, a suitable sign can be at-

tached to the frame as indicated. A wooden block or a concrete slab can be used as a base, the latter being preferred, as its greater weight lessens the possibility of the holder being overturned by the wind or otherwise.—A. C. Cole, Chicago, Ill.

### Bleachers for Small Athletic Field

By ROY M. SINGER

ERE is a grandstand for a small athletic field that can easily be built, and that will prove a splendid project for the manual-training class of a boy's school. The woodwork is not at all difficult, but it will afford the boys a valuable study in practical problems, as well as form a monument for a particular The necessary concreting and painting can also be done by the class, thus making the project still more com-

All details of the stand are given in the drawings, so that little description is necessary. It consists of trusses supported by concrete piers; at the rear, lateral bracing is used to furnish stiffness. The piers are constructed as shown in the sketch, and should go down into the ground at least 3 ft, below grade, and al-

ways below the frost line.

of two 2 by 8's, the end post of three 2 by 10's, the intermediate post of two 2 by 20's, the diagonals of 2 by 10's, and the top chord of two 2 by 12's. A 2 by 4-in.

The seats are built of two 2 by 8's and a total seating width of 20 in. is provided. The difference in elevation of the tiers is The whole arrangement is designed for comfort and safety.

It may be well to add here a word of warning to anyone who contemplates building a seating arrangement of this kind. Remember that each member in the assembly must take a different load and that if one member does not take its full load, some other member must carry more than its load. Be careful, then, to see that all joints are tightly nailed and that all materials used are of good, sound

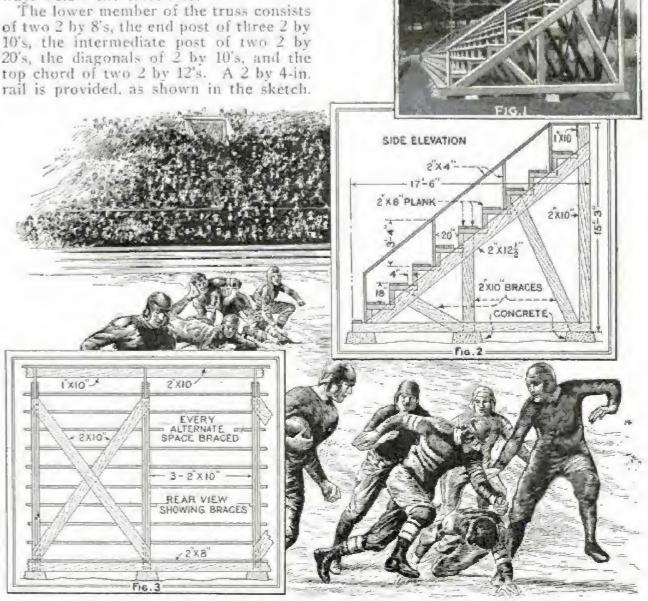


Fig. 1, Left End of Stand; Fig. 2 Detail Drawing of Left-End Assembly; Fig. 3, Details of Stand Showing the Bracing

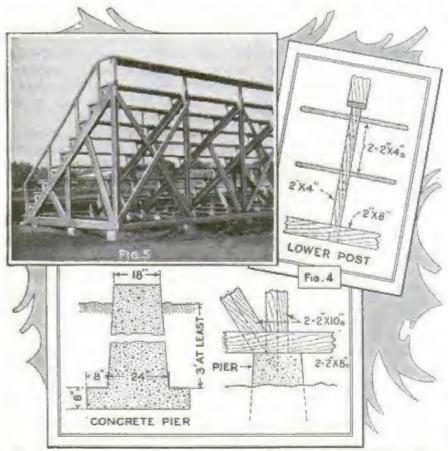


Fig. 5, Photo of Part of Rear of Stand; Fig. 4, Lower Post and, Below, Concrete-Pier Details

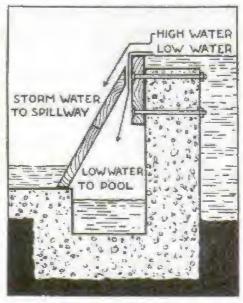
lumber. For an arrangement of this sort, the trusses should not be spaced farther apart than 10 feet.

#### Spillway for Bathing Pools

Bathing pools, fish ponds and lakes, fed from springs or small streams, must have some provision to prevent storm water from entering them, if the water is to be kept clear and the pool saved from filling up with sediment. This is usually accomplished by building a small dam above the pool, the storm water being carried around through a spillway. A dam that operates automatically can be arranged by making the opening to the spillway wide enough so that the normal low-water flow will go over it in a thin sheet. The water at this point is made to run over a 2 by 8-in. plank, bolted edgewise to the concrete dam wall. In front of this, and at an angle to it, is placed another plank, the edge of which is beveled to provide an opening of uniform width, say 1/4 to 1/2 in. between it and the vertical plank, through which the low-water overflow runs into a separate pool as shown. A slight rise in

the stream will cause the water to run with greater speed and in greater volume, so that it will skip the gap between the two boards and flow into the spillway around the pool. A baffle can be set up just behind the dam to hold back trash. This device is in use at the Georgia state college of agriculture, and a very small rise in the stream causes the water to switch to the spillway.





Automatic Dam Allows Water at Normal Level to Flow into a Pool, While a Small Rise in the Level Causes
It to Run into the Spillway That Diverts It around the Pool

#### Battery Economy

To those who use dry cells in telephone telegraph circuits, the following method of using them on closed circuits will prove valuable. This method permits the use of dry or any other open-circuit batteries on telegraph or telephone lines where the circuit is closed. The ordinary methods of doing this require sufficient battery power at each end of the line to operate the system. doubles the necessary cost of batteries. The better method is to get just enough batteries to operate the system. Place half of them at one end of the line and the other half at the other, and connect the zincs at both ends of the same line, and the carbons to the other, or to the ground. The voltages of both sets will then be equal and, therefore, no current will flow on the line. When either party wishes to call the other, he simply reverses the connections of his set of batteries and uses the instruments. By this reversal the current of both batteries flows through the line. When through talking, he restores the connections to their original condition. The direction of the current through the line depends upon which party has called the other. The apparatus may be grouped in any way, and distributed anywhere on the line. The only condition to be observed is that the open-circuit voltages of the two sets of batteries should be equal, so that no current will flow until one set is reversed. Any batteries may be used together.

#### Safety Handle for Chisel or Punch

For holding chisels or punches while working in places where minor injuries

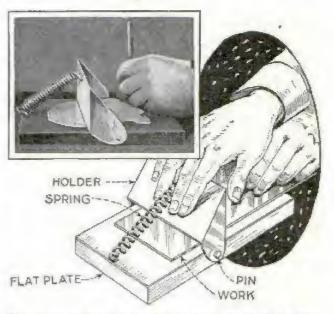
may occur, pieces of air hose may be used to advantage. A slit is made in the hose about 11/2 in. from one end. through which the tool is inserted, and a piece of wood is driven into the hose from either end to hold it securely. In this way the tool can easily be shifted to work from any angle. The idea originated with G. L. Knotts, service su-Washington.



pervisor at Du Pont, Pieces of Discarded Air Hose Make Safe and Conven-Washington. Pieces of Discarded Air Hose Make Safe and Conven-

#### Spring Holder for Metal Plates

When marking, lettering or cutting designs on brass plates it is important to have the work held so that it will not move, or else the worker may spoil the



Device for Holding Metal Plates Securely While Working on Them

piece by marking it crooked. Such work is done best on a flat plate, and we have fitted a holding device to the plate that will grip a piece of the full width of the plate if necessary. The holder is made out of a piece of flat metal, formed as shown and attached to the plate by a pin on each side. When in use, one end of a coil spring is passed through a hole in the holder, and the other end is attached to a hook screwed into the plate. The operator lifts the holder by pulling it toward him, shoves the work underneath, and then releases it. This holds the work

securely, and the continued tapping with a hammer when marking the work will not, with ordinary care, change its position.

Harry Moore, Montreal, Canada.

(A good paint for wire screen consists of dropblack, ground in oil, and about a third as much of asphaltum varnish, thinned with turpentine. Add some drier and strain the paint before using.



#### Permanent Steps on Truck Aid Loading

The idea illustrated shows a set of steps for loading platform, which is used by a firm of private scavengers for conveniently dumping the contents of garbage cans into the truck and will find application in numerous other places where loads of material must be placed in the truck by hand. Both the loading platform and

the steps attached to it are hinged, the former to the bed of the truck and the latter to the outer edge of the platform. When lowered, the platform is held securely by two lengths of chain and when raised, the steps hang down behind.

#### Stopping Leaky Steam Lines

Leaky joints on steam lines can often be permanently stopped by the use of a calking tool and a little lead wool. Occasions frequently arise when a small leak in either a water or steam line is causing inconvenience as well as loss of power. Repairs cannot be made while the line is in service, but a little lead wool worked tightly into the joint while the pressure on the line is reduced often eliminates the necessity of making an expensive repair.

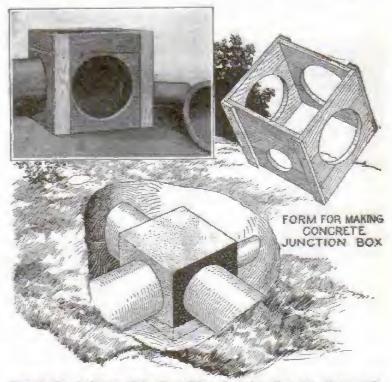
#### Quadruple Tile Joint

In constructing a farm-drainage system it sometimes becomes necessary to join three or more tiles at one point; such joints are not regularly manufactured and it is rather difficult to build one that will not wash out, break down or resist

burrowing animals.

A practically indestructible concrete joint, simple to make, is shown in the illustration. It accommodates a 14-in. outlet pipe and three branches of respectively 10, 6 and 4-in. diameter. The form is made of old 1-in. boards, is 20 in. long and at least 20 in. deep without top or bottom. These dimensions are required because there should be space below the pipes for a floor of 2 or 3-in. thickness, and above and on the sides for 4-in, walls around the largest tile. If a larger outlet pipe is used, the form should be dimensioned according to this rule. Openings are cut in the sides with a keyhole saw to fit the tiles. The lowest point of these holes should be the same distance from the bottom edge of the box as the thickness of the floor, that is, 2 to 3 in. The form is then nailed together and reinforced at the edges with lath.

Place the form on a level spot on the ground and build up some sand around the outside to keep it in place. Insert the tiles, pushing the 14-in, pipe far enough to project 4 in, inside of the box; the smaller ones are pushed in farther, or so that the distance between opposite open-



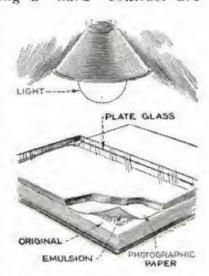
Practically Indestructible Four-Way Junction Box for Drain Tile Made of Cement

ings in no case is less than 14 in. Now pour in the cement-1 part cement to 3 of sand-until it reaches the lower edge of the tiles. After the floor has set, put in more cement around the tile in the lower corners of the box, troweling it down around the tile so as to bond with the cement of the bottom. Then, using wet sand, fill the openings in the ends of the tiles and build up a core in the central space until it is level with the top edge of the largest pipe. The remaining space in the upper part of the form is then filled with cement up to the top of the box. When the cement is set and nearly dry, the core can easily be removed by punching it loose with a piece of wood or iron. In regard to the relative sizes of outlet and branch tile, the rule is that the square of the diameter of the former should be at least equal to and preferably exceed the sum of the squared diameters of the branches.-J. R. Koontz, Bremen, Ind.

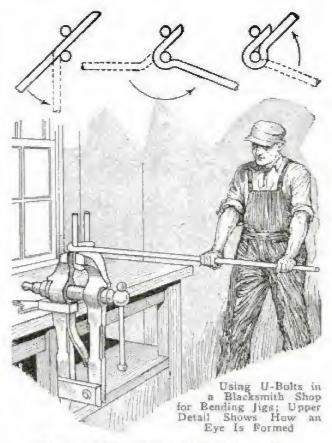
#### Copying Drawings and Photos

When copies of drawings, diagrams and photos in books or magazines are desired, it is too tedious and time-consuming a task to copy them by hand, if at all possible, and the accuracy of such work is also questionable. A good method of making photographic copies is shown in the illustration. Any good quality of photographic printing paper may be used, but those having a "hard" contrast are

preferable. The photo paper and the print are put face to face and a piece of glass is put over the photo paper. Exposure is then made with an electric la mp from above, the duration of exposure depending on the thickness



and quality of the photo paper, the intensity of illumination, the distance from the light to the print, and the reflective quality of the paper from which the print is to be made. The first photo is reversed and is used as a negative for making any number of prints. As the photo paper is kept so close to the original, the prints will be free from blurs.



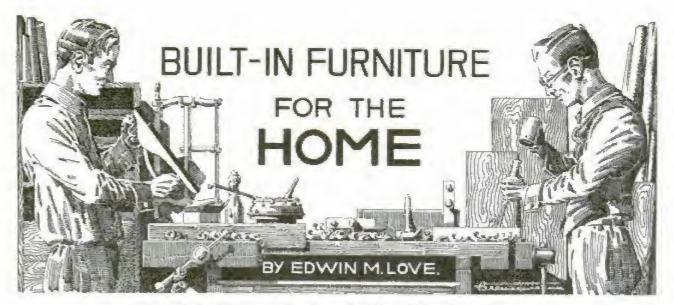
#### U-Bolt Makes Good Bending Jig

A set of U-bolts or forms of round steel stock, bent so that the parallel legs are separated a little more than the diameter, is used by a western blacksmith for bending round or flat stock. In use, the form is clamped in a vise, as illustrated, and the rod to be bent is slipped between the legs. The drawing shows the steps in bending an eye in hot stock, but simple bends are easily made in cold stock by using a pipe over the end to give leverage.

#### Preventing Rust on Dials

In wet, damp or steamy places, the rusting of gauges and dials can be prevented by first cleaning and polishing the surface thoroughly and then giving it two coats of collodion. The first coat must be thoroughly dry before the second is applied. The collodion prevents the air and moisture from getting in contact with the polished surface. Engine gauges will last from six months to a year without repolishing if properly treated in this way. Exposed copper and brass piping and other metals can also be protected by this method. When necessary, the collodion can be removed with alcohol.

(A T-handle tap wrench with part of the handle cut off can be chucked in a breast drill and used for holding small drills.



Part XV-Kitchen Cupboards That Meet in a Corner

THREE important considerations influence the design of kitchen cabinets. The sink should be placed in the best possible light; the drainboards should be large, with drawers, bins, and breadboard underneath; the cupboard should be as near as can be to the sink without isolating it too much from the dining room or breakfast nook.

Often the combination of the drainboard cabinet and main cupboard in a corner is the only practical way to utilize available space; and while the lower section of the cupboard in the corner can have no individual door, and is therefore a little remote, the design given here makes it quite accessible by putting two doors in the corner. Such a space can be used for storage of utensils infrequently used. Overbalancing this defect is the fact that the washed dishes can be

lifted directly from the drainboard into the cupboard.

If it is desirable to shorten the drainboard cabinet, take width from the drawer chest at the left of the sink, so as to keep the right drainboard as large as possible.

Under the window of the outside wall measure out from the plaster a distance of 1 ft. 101/2 in., and draw a line on the floor, the full width of the room. Also draw a line 1 ft. 3¼ in. from the adjacent wall, and 6 ft. 8 in. from its end wall, square a line to the wall. Nail to the floor, 34 in. inside of the end line, a cleat of 2 by 3-in. stock, sized to a width of 2 in. Nail down four other like cleats, one against the wall, one centered 1 ft. 6 in. from the end line, and the other two spaced evenly on the long section. Also nail down floor cleats for the drainboard cabinet, one for the partition at the left

#### MATERIAL LIST

- 2 pieces, 11% by 4 in. by 14 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 1 piece, 11/6 by 4 in. by 10 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 1 piece, 11% by 3 in. by 8 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 1 piece. 11/2 by 3 in. by 14 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 5 pieces, 11/2 by 3 in. by 16 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 1 piece, I by 2 in. by 10 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 1 piece, 1 by 2 in. by 12 ft., pine or fir, S4S,
- sanded.
- 1 by 2 in. by 14 ft., pine or fir, S4S, 1 piece, sanded.
- I by 3 in. by 8 ft., pine or fir, S4S,
- sanded.
- 1 by 3 in, by 12 ft., pine or fir, S4S, 1 piece, sanded.
- 1 piece, 1 by 4 in. by 14 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- 1 by 6 in. by 12 ft., pine or fir, S4S, 1 piece,
- sanded.
- piece, 1 by 7 in. by 8 it., pine or fir, S4S, sanded. 1 by 12 in, by 12 it., pine or fir, S4S,
- randed. 2 pieces, 2 by 3 in, by 10 ft., pine or fir, S1S1E.

- 1 by 12 in, by 14 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- pieces, 16 by 2 in. by 12 ft., pine or fir, S4S, sanded.
- pieces, 1 by 6 in. by 10 ft., pine or fir sheathing, S1S.
- piece, 3-in. crown mold, 8 ft.
- piece,
- 36 by 14 in. baseshoe, 16 ft. 1 by 10 in. by 6 ft., pine or fir, drawer piece, 1 by 1 front, sanded.
- 5% by 9 in. by 6 ft., pine or fir, drawer piece, 36 by 9 in. by 6 ft., pine or fir, drawer back, sanded.
  piece, 36 by 10 in. by 12 ft., pine or fir, drawer

- sine, sanded.

  3 pieces, ½ by 6 in. by 12 it., T & G pine drawer bottom, sanded.

  1 piece, ½ in. by 3 by 6 it., three-ply panel veneer.

  1 piece, ½ in. by 3 by 4 it., three-ply panel veneer.

  2 sheets of tin, 12½ by 24 in.

  12 pair 2½ by 2½ in. loose-pin butts.

  12 forg catches.

  18 1½ in. glass drawer code.

- 18 1/4 in. glass drawer pulls (knobs).
  2 lb. six-penny finish nails.
  2 lb. eight-penny finish nails.
- 1/2 in. corrugated fasteners.
- A few four penny finish nails and 1-in, brads. Cost of materials, about \$32. Time to build, about 60 hours.

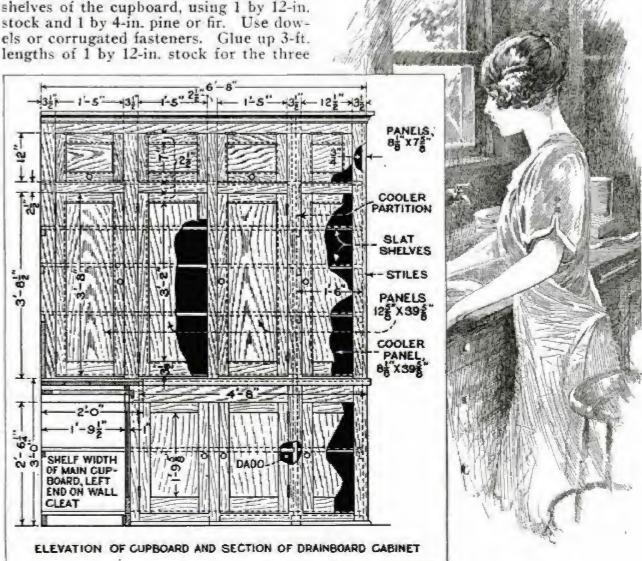
of the sink, one for the other, and one on the bin-side of the third partition. These are all 21/2 in. wide, serving as slides for the drawers. The dimensions are given in the drawings. Two other cleats, 2 in. wide, are put down for the shelf in the bottom of the door compartment.

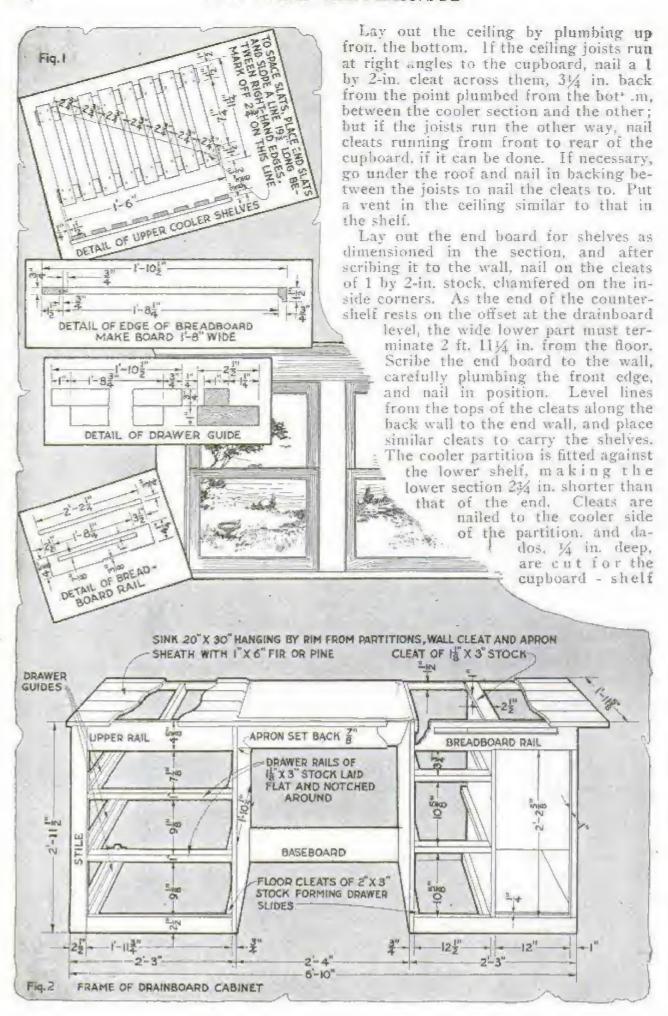
Nail a cleat of 1 by 2-in. stock 2 ft. 111/4 in, from the floor for the back support of the drainboard. Plumb guide lines on the walls for the partitions, and on the end wall lay out the following distances for determining the height of the 1 by 1in. wall drawer cleats: 125% in. from the floor; 1 ft. 1034 in. from the floor, and level around to the back wall. Nail up the two cleats, cutting them just long enough for the ends to form backing for the back edge of the partition. This procedure removes possible error due to a difference of level in the floor from front to back. Nail an end cleat for the drainboard to the end wall, and put in drawer cleats for the bins when the partitions are placed.

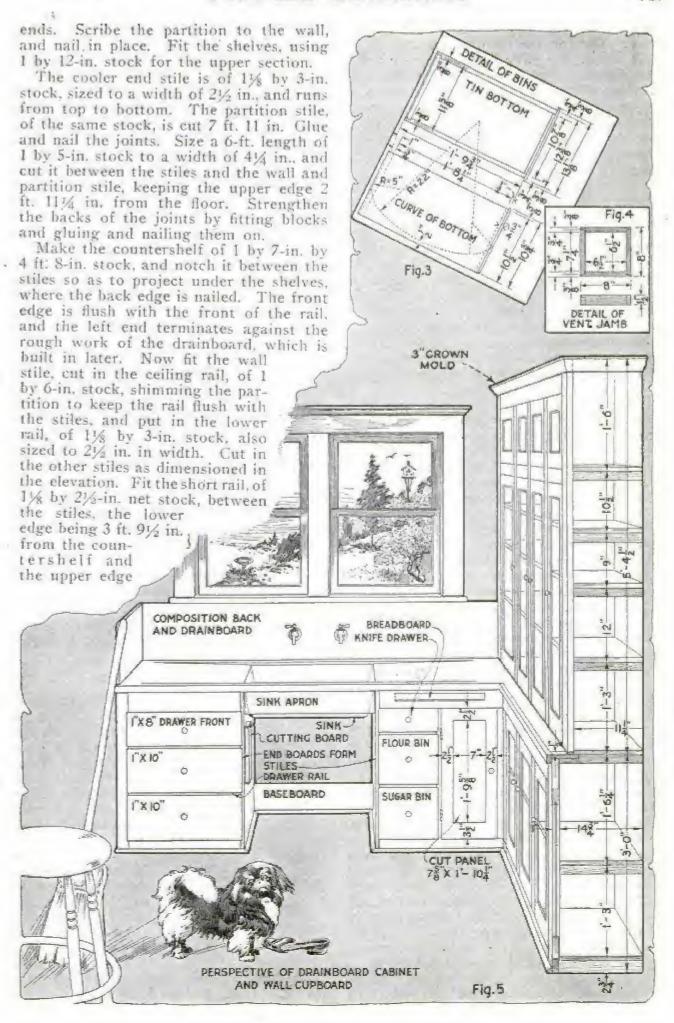
Now glue up stock for the two lower

partitions, and two pieces, 1 ft. 2 in. long, for the bottom shelf in the pot cupboard under the right drainboard. Glue up the end and partition for the cooler, using a 1 by 12-in. by 8 ft. 4-in. board, and a 1 by 4-in. by 3 ft. piece.

Now cut a hole, 6 in. square, in the floor for the cooler vent. Scribe the lower shelf to the wall, joint the front edge with a slight bevel to insure a tight fit with the rail, and nail solidly to the cleats. Saw out a hole, 8 in. square, in the cooler space, and fit inside it a jamb, built of 1 by 2-in. stock as detailed. Cover this with screen wire and miter a thin strip over the edge to make a neat job.







the bottom of the stool, returning the back around the end wall.

This provides for the bee of woodstone, magnesite, asbesticite, or practically any other of the compositions now on the market from which one-piece drainboards and splash backs are molded. They are sanitary and wear much longer than wooden drainboards, and are comparatively cheap. They are subject to staining and are eaten by fruit acids, but a

little care in their use will obviate this difficulty. Build the bins of 1 by 12-in. stock. Lay out the sides to the curve shown, cut the curve, and tack the lower pieces on again, Assemble the drawer without a bottom, avoiding nailing through the lower pieces, which are immediately removed. In the

front and back cut saw kerfs. 3% in. deep, continuing the curve of the sides. a strip of cardboard to measure the length of the curve and cut a piece of tin to fit. Slip the ends into the kerfs, tack down, and nail the bottom pieces solidly.

Build the other drawers of 34-in. stock, for the fronts, and 5%-in. stock, for backs and sides, assembling the frames and sliping in the bottoms afterward. Make the eight large doors of 11/8 by 21/2-in. net stock, for stiles and upper rails, and of 11/2 by 31/2-in. net stock, for the lower rails. The four small upper doors are entirely of 21/2-in. stock. The latter are hinged at the top.

Build the cooler shelves of 3/8 by 2-in. strips, spaced as shown in the drawing. Run baseshoe around the cabinets, and nail on the front of the countershelf a piece of 1 by 2-in. material for a fascia.

1 ft. from the lower edge of the ceiling rail. The top shelf shows a margin of 1/4 in, above the rail, forming a doorstop. Half-inch strips, fitted between the stiles on top of the countershelf, prevent sagging doors from ever scraping the countershelf when opened, while leaving 1/4 in. of the shelf edge for doorstops. Notice that the lower rail leaves a similar stop

margin on the lower shelf.

Next fit the drainboard-cabinet partitions against the wall, locate and place the drawer-slide cleats, and nail them up. In doing this, be sure that the upper ends are level and line with the top of the wall cleat. Fit the end-wall stile, nail in place, and fit the rails. These are of 11/8 by 3-in. stock, put in flat, the left ends being notched, glued and nailed around the back of the stile, while the right ends are butted against the end partition and nailed through it with 4 eight-penny finish nails, which are, of course, set and puttied up before finishing.

The drawer guides at left consist of a guide of 1 by 1-in, net stock, long enough to fit between the stile and wall, glued and nailed to a slide of 11/8 by 3-in. stock, to fit between the rail and the wall cleat. The guide must be square with the front and parallel with the partition, as well as level, if the drawer is to work properly. For the upper drawer, cleats must be nailed above the opening, to prevent the opened drawer from sagging; or the center cleat for the drainboard may be made

wide enough to answer the purpose.

The detail dimensions the breadboard rail. The partition behind it must come only to the bottom of the slot; together with the upper cleat, of 11/8 by 3-in. stock, it forms a runway for the breadboard.

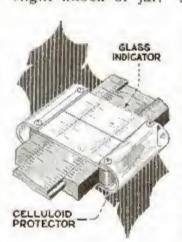
The lock stile for the small door is 1 by 1 in., glued and nailed against the stile

of the cupboard.

This construction gives a space of 2 ft. 4 in., between the two divisions of the cabinet, and a 20 by 30-in. sink will just slip between the partitions, the rim resting on them. To provide nailing space for the drainboard backing, nail a I by 2-in. cleat to the partitions at the rim. Also nail, under the front of the sink, an apron of 1 by 6-in, stock, set back from the front 1/8 in. Now sheath the top of the cabinet with 1 by 6-in. pine, rough side up, notching the ends over the rim of the sink, and rounding them roughly on top. The rough work is 1 ft. 115% in. wide. Tack laths underneath, projecting 3/8 in., as a ground for the composition man to work to. Remove the window apron, and lath tight over the plaster to

#### Slide-Rule Protector

Slide-rule glasses are often broken by a slight knock or jar, A good method of



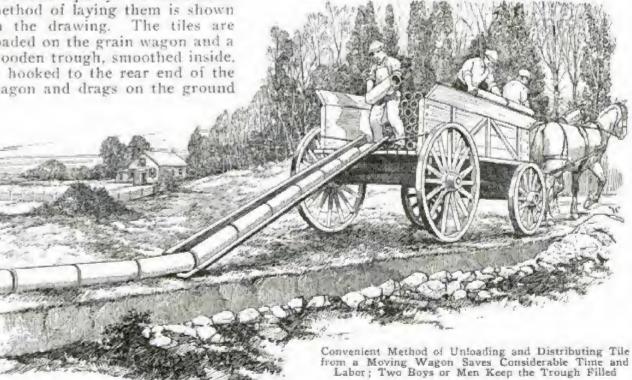
protecting them is shown in the illustration. Take two pieces of fairly heavy celluloid and bend them in hot water to the semicircular shape shown. Holes are drilled through the celluloid to match the screw holes in the slide, and the screws are then driven in to hold

both the celluloid protectors and the glasses.-C. C. Fisher, Ithaca, N. Y.

#### Unloading Drain Tile

Unloading tile is a hard and tedious job, and it is nearly impossible to distrib-

ute them equally. A convenient method of laying them is shown The tiles are in the drawing. loaded on the grain wagon and a wooden trough, smoothed inside. is hooked to the rear end of the wagon and drags on the ground pair by means of a patch held with screws is also generally known, and is satisfactory if the patch is not near an edge or subjected to tension. An unusually effective

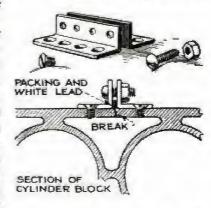


while the wagon is pulled ahead. or three boys or men on the wagon, lay the tiles in the trough end to end and the tiles slide down on the ground as the wagon moves along. Of course, the slant of the trough must be such that the tiles will slide down readily. In this way it is possible to unload the tiles in a few minutes and have them equally distributed. -Simon M. Schwartz, Berne, Ind.

#### Repairing Cylinder Break

There are many methods of repairing cylinder breaks, the most common of This is good practice, which is welding.

provided the parts are preheated, under which condition the weld can be relied on for service. Seaming the break with overlapping brass studs, tapped into holes drilled along



the break, is also a good method if the break is in the center of the casting. Repatch, which not only closes the gap but also draws the sides of the casting together, is shown in the illustration. Two angle plates are drilled as indicated and holes of corresponding size are drilled and tapped in the casting so that the plates can be screwed down with a little space between the adjacent sides. Packing, saturated in white lead, is tamped down between these sides directly over the crack, and small bolts and nuts are used to draw the sides together, which forces the packing down still more tightly. The plates, also, are bedded in white lead .- G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.

#### Rethreading Tire Valves

When rethreading the inside of a tire valve, it should be held with the outer end downward and the small tap used should be dry and clean. This will cause the cuttings to fall out of the stem, preventing later trouble with a valve inside. If a battered outer end of a valve stem is to be refaced, the valve should be held with the outer end down or the work done with air in the tire. The center pin of the valve inside will strike the refacing tool and release some of the air, which will blow away the cuttings as fast as they are formed.—E. T. Gunderson, Jr., Humboldt, Iowa.

#### Operating Snips by Foot

Much more power can be applied to an ordinary pair of tin snips by means of the simple foot attachment



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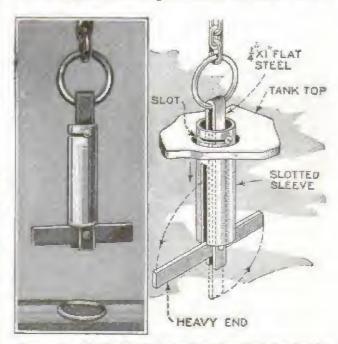
tion. This enables the worker to use the shears on much heavier work than can be cut by hand. A length of heavy wire is attached to one handle of the snips and reaches almost to the floor. At its lower end the wire is bent to form a loop for the worker's foot. The free handle of the snips is then held securely in a vise.—L. J. Trost, Kelly Field, Tex.

#### Planting Fence Posts Securely

Usually a post that is planted or driven into wet, swampy ground is hard to keep tight. It either becomes very loose or is lifted out of the ground entirely by hard freezing. Loose posts are certain to cause a loose, worthless fence. If this is your trouble, you can remedy it by digging the hole deep and wide. About 8 in. from the lower end of the post, saw a notch across it, a few inches deep. Get a piece of locust wood, about 18 in. long, mortise it into the notch in the post and nail it securely. When the post is planted and the hole is back-filled, the weight of the dirt will be on the crossbar and hold it down. The post will then stand solidly until it decays.— J. Marshall Porter, Cumberland, Md.

#### Chain-Block Sling for Tanks

Tanks can be handled easily with a chain block if there is a convenient hole in the tank. A shop doing this kind of work uses the special slinging device shown in the photo. It consists of a length of flat steel, 1 in. wide by 1/4 in. thick and bent double, a crosspiece at right angles, 1/2 in. thick, turning on a pin, and a sleeve fitting over the flat piece. This sleeve has a slot sawed out halfway around it to clear a screw turned into the doubled piece, and a slot on one side to clear the crosspiece. Before assembling, a chain ring is slipped into place in the bent piece for greater convenience in handling. One side of the crosspiece is heavier than the other; in other words it is off center. When inserting the device in the hole in the tank the heavy end is turned up inside the sleeve. When it has passed through the hole, the heavy end drops down to the horizontal position shown and is ready for lifting. To remove the sling from the tank, the sleeve is turned around till the other end of the horizontal slot stops against the screw. When the sling is pushed farther down into the tank the heavy end of the crosspiece falls down in line with the sleeve, enabling the sling to be pulled out. This device will be found useful also for lifting other pieces with holes in them when it is impossible to get inside of them with

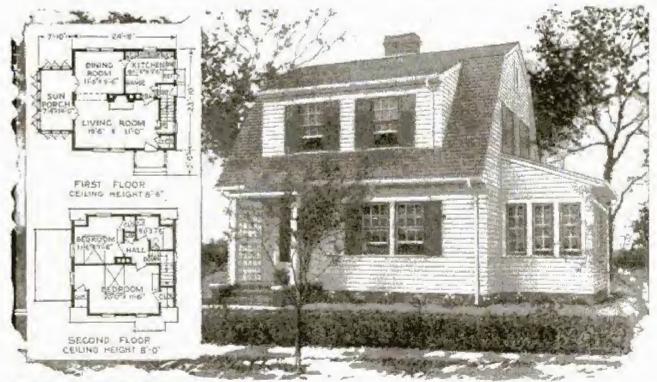


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the hands. The lifter described, although of comparatively light material, has been used on tanks weighing up to 500 lb.—Harry Moore, Montreal, Can.

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### Story and One-Half Dutch Colonial



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HERE is a house without a trace of affectation and obviously one that will be in harmony with the life within and about it. Its style is borrowed from the Dutch colonists, but in this case an American dormer window has been added to complete the design.

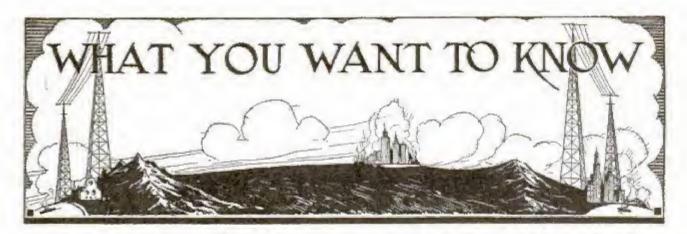
It provides five main rooms, bathroom and five closets. It will require a lot from thirty-eight to forty-three feet in width. It is planned to be built of wood frame on masonry foundations, with a brick base course. The exterior is wood siding for the walls, and the roof shingled. You will find in this house every modern convenience and comfort within a small area, which has been so adjusted that in reality the interior appears exceedingly large for the size of the house. The sunporch assists greatly in producing the spacious effect on the first floor. It opens directly into the living and dining rooms.

One large open fireplace in the living room, with wide mantel shelf, takes care of the flues for the heater, kitchen range and fireplace itself. This, of course, is an economical arrangement. Each bedroom, on the second floor, has a closet, and light and air from two sides.

This house has much to commend it in plan and appearance, as well as construction costs.

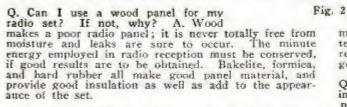
#### Home Builders' Questions

- Q. What type of gutter is the most lasting and inexpensive? A. The common hanging gutter is the most lasting and inexpensive that can be put on. If it is made of tin and it should happen to leak in time, it can easily be repaired or replaced. If it is made of copper, it may last a lifetime.
- Q. How high above the porch roof ought the chimney stack to project? A. Run the stack three feet higher than the ridge.
- Q. Does seasoning wood make it stronger? A. Many specimens of green wood tested in comparison with the same sections and kinds of seasoned wood show that, under a given load, the seasoned wood will defiect less, will not crush so soon, and will not break so readily as the green wood.
- Q. My house was completed last June and the cesspool has already backed up a few times. Who should stand the expense of having this remedied, the contractor or myself? A. The contractor is not responsible for the backing up of your cesspool if it was built according to your directions or if you accepted it when he built it.
- Q. What shall we do when the mortgage becomes due? Can it be renewed? If not, what shall we do then? A. If your property is a good risk you can almost certainly get a new mortgage written against it. If the person who loaned you money on the first mortgage will not renew, get somebody else to do so. It would be wise to get all the details in this regard well in advance of the date when the mortgage is due.



Q. I have a charger for recharging wet type B-batteries; how can I hook this up to a double-pole, double-throw switch so that I can charge both of the 48-volt units at once, in parallel, when the switch is thrown one way and the set connected when the switch is thrown one way and the set connected when the switch is thrown in the opposite direction? A. This is very simple and the diagram (Fig. 1) shows how it is done. Two double-pole, double-throw switches are required, however; these switches may be of the common porcelain base type and should be mounted side by side in the manner shown.

Q. I am located in a dry, sandy country, where a good ground is hard to obtain. Can you offer any suggestions that would help me out? A. A counterpoise ground will solve your problem. This is obtained by stringing another wire under your present aerial and insulating it in the same manner; the lead from this wire goes to the ground post of the receiver. The diagram (Fig. 2) gives you the idea in detail: note that the aerial lead-in and the counterpoise lead are taken into the building at different points. It is also necessary, of course, that these leads building at different points. It is also necessary, of course, that these leads be passed through porcelain insulators.



Q. Have B-battery eliminators been improved to a point where they are practical, and all hum is elimnated? What is the total voltage that can be obtained without a detrimental drop when from five to eight tubes are used? A. There are several good B-bat-tery eliminators now on the market that will meet these conditions. Some are designed for sets using up to five tubes and others can be used on eight and nine-tube sets if the highest B-voltage does not exceed 90 volts. Our tests show that some will deliver even higher voltage under an eight-tube load. Some of these eliminators give a slight hum, others are very

Q. I am using a B-battery eliminator with my eight-tube superheterodyne; this eliminator uses UV-201A tubes. When other electric apparatus is turned on in the house, the signals from the distant stations fade and the eliminator has to be readjusted to bring the

signals in at the former volume. What are the cause and remedy? A. The wiring from the mains to the house may not be large enough to carry the load of the other electrical apparatus in use, and when the house-light load is on, there will be a drop in voltage. This will also show in the B eliminator, and cause the signals to fade. The only remedy in this case is to get in touch with your power company and explain the situation to them; they can correct the trouble easily.

Q. What type of circuit is the worst offender for re-radiation? I live in a congested district and do not wish to annoy my neighbors. A. Single-circuit tuners and sets of the ultra-audion type are troublesome in this respect, and should not be used in crowded localities.

Q. Would the volume and range of a regenerative detector set be increased if two stages of r. f. amplifica-tion were added? A. The volume and range would be increased very little. You should add one or two stages of a.f. amplification instead.

Q. I have a Delco lighting plant, and when this plant is in operation it is impossible to use the radio set. What can I do to prevent this interference? A. Short-

en the leads from the magneto or spark coil, and run
them through a grounded shield.
Metal-covered conduit or lead-covered
cable can be used to good advantage.
Ground the frame of the engine, magneto and metal shielding thoroughly.

Q. How can I repair my electric sol-dering iron? I have had it but a very short time and it is burned out. A. Remove the heating element; if the resistance wire is open close to the terminal, a new connection can be

made by spreading the wire, and fastening it under the terminal. If the break is near the center, a temporary repair can be made by twisting the broken ends to-

Q. I wish to construct a three-circuit tuner employing only one tube; please show me the simplest circuit possible to do this. I have the tuner coil and

a circuit for three tubes, but at present I wish to use the detector only. A. We are giving you the circuit on this page (Fig. 3). It can be used with any type of three-circuit tuner. Use a .0005 - mid. variable condenser and a 25 ohm. condenser, and a 25-ohm rheostat. If the UV-199 tube is used, the A battery should consist of three No. 6 dry cells connected in series, but

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if you are going to use a UV-301A or C-301A tube, it will be necessary for you to employ a 6-volt A-battery.

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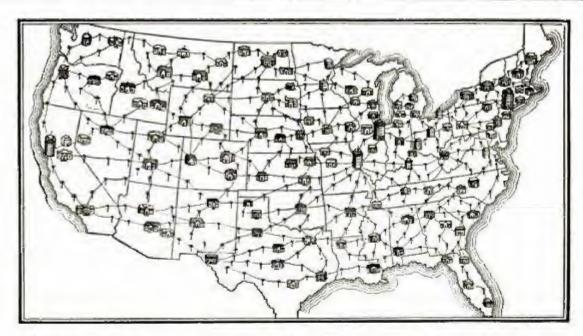
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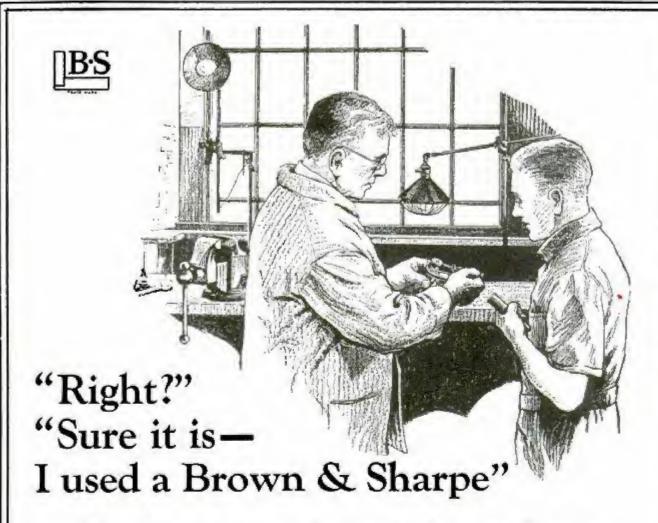
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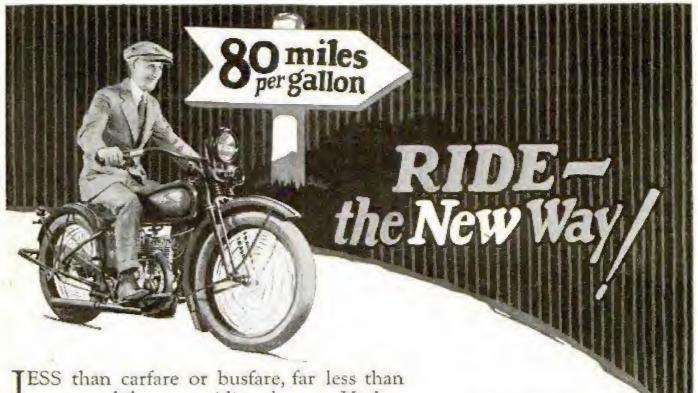
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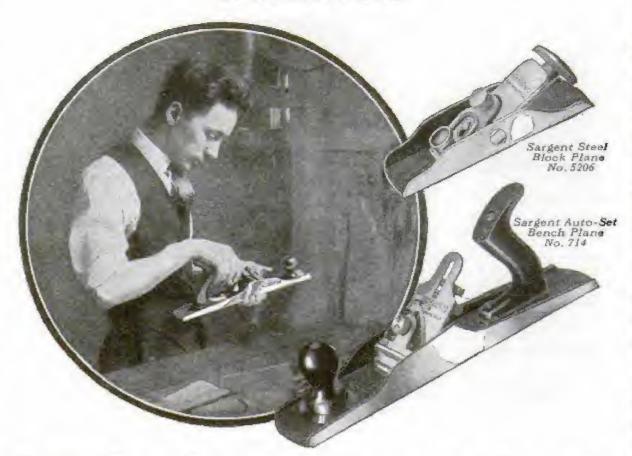
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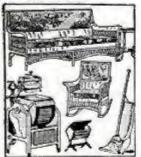
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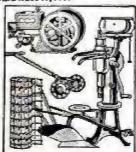
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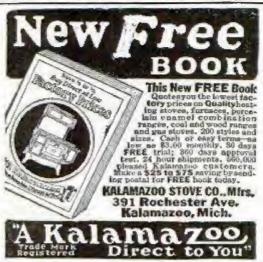
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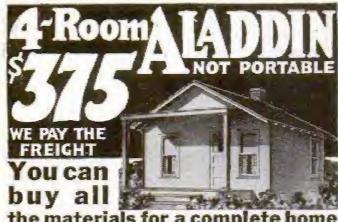
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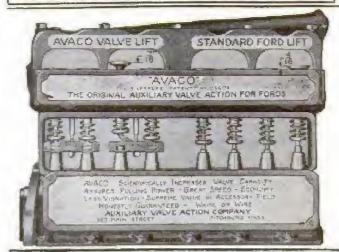
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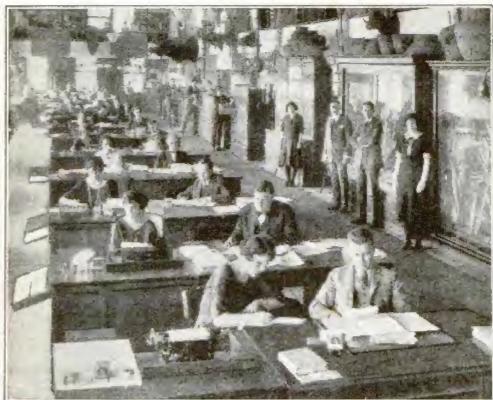
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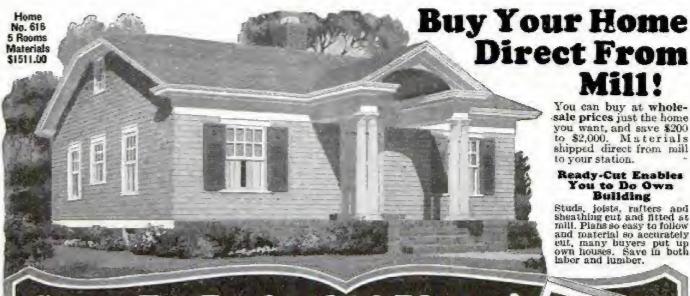
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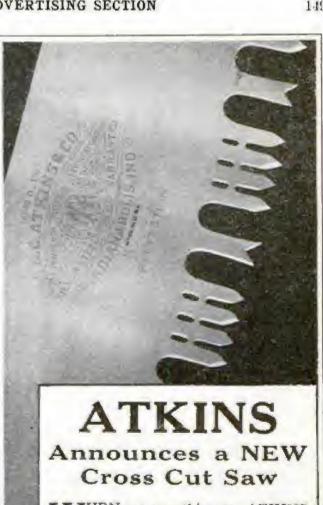
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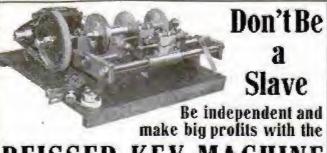
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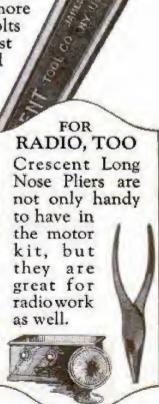
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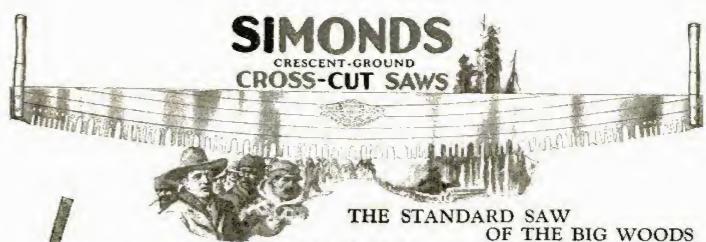


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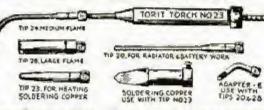
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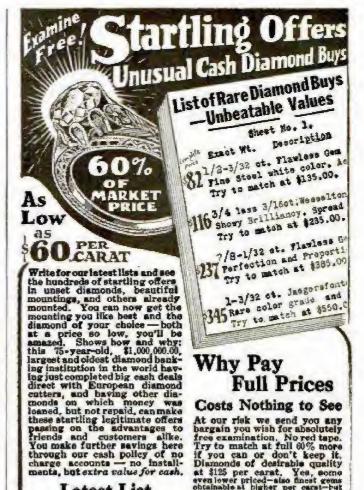
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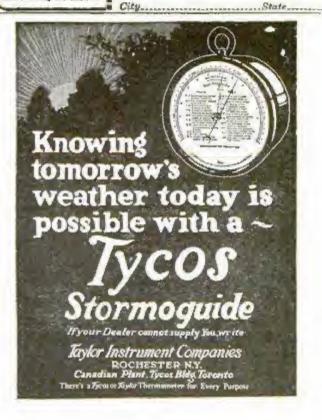
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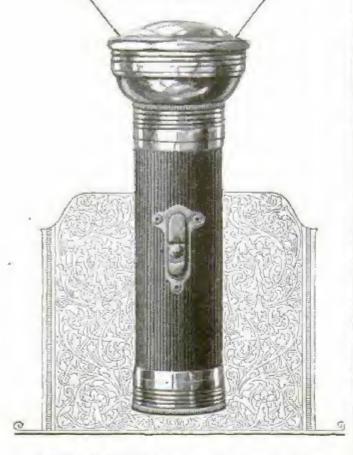
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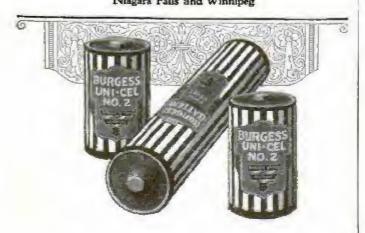
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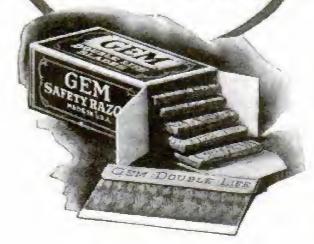
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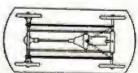




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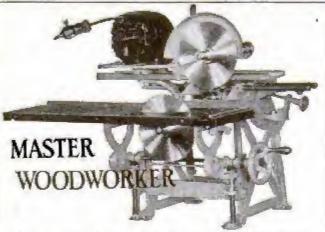
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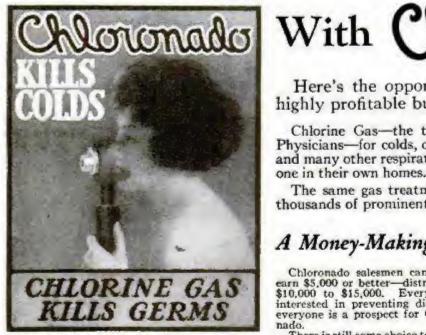
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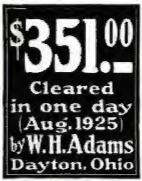
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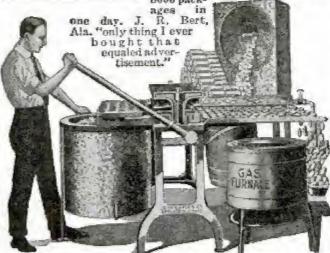
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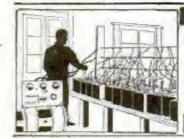
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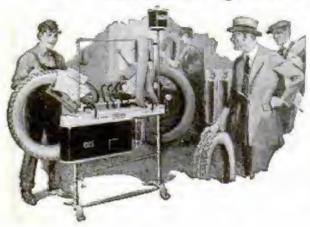
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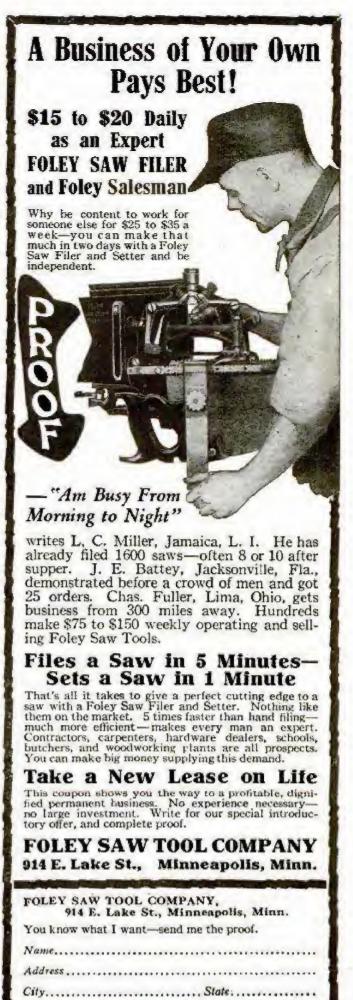
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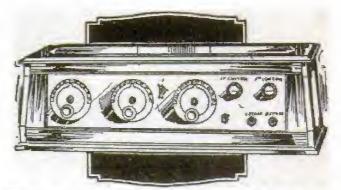
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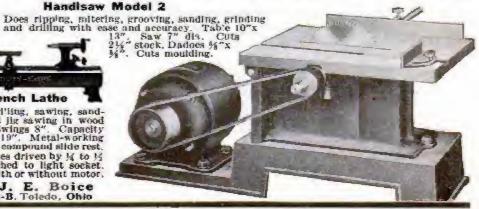
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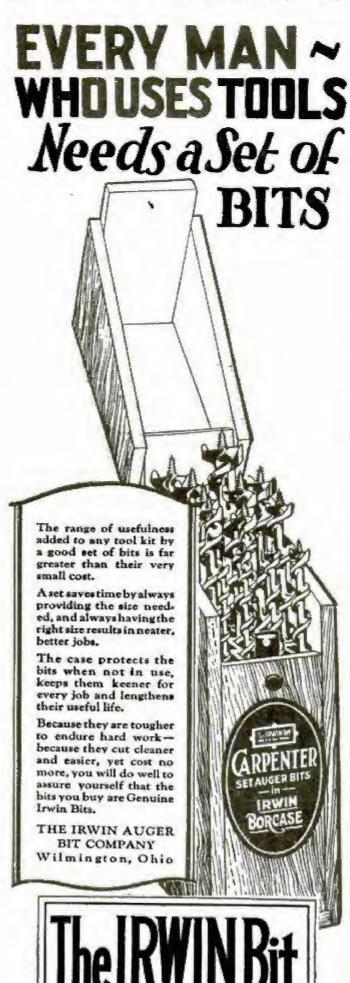
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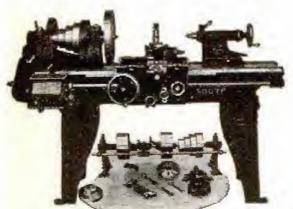
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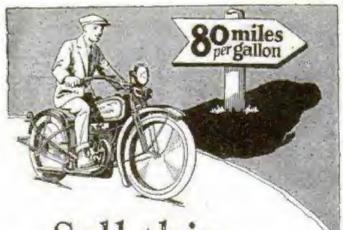
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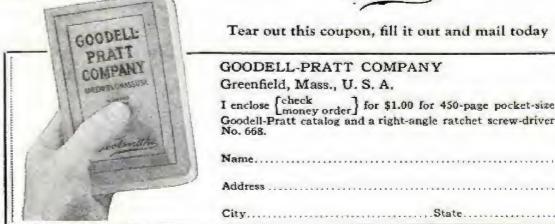
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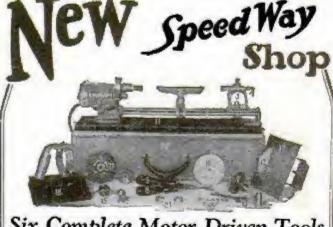
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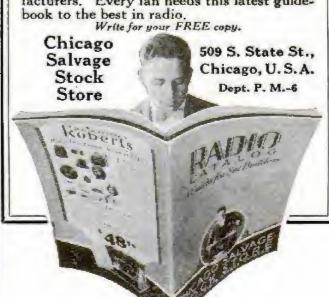
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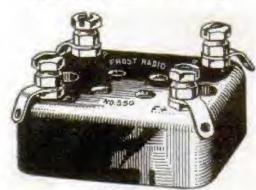
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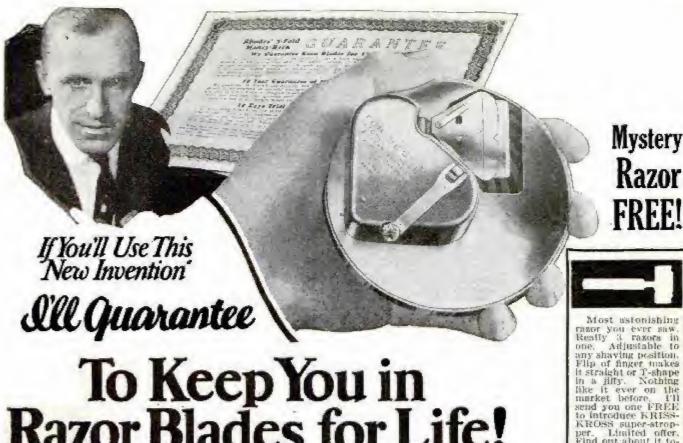
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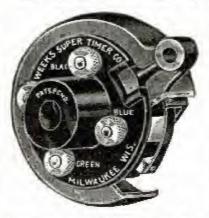
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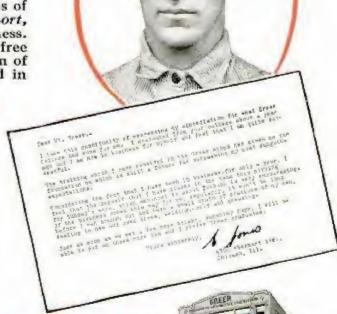
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